

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 2025. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Work Session on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 201 East Main Street, Crowley City Hall, Crowley, Texas.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mayor Billy Davis called the Work Session to order at 6:31 p.m. City Secretary Asja Reyes called roll and noted a quorum was present.

Present were

Council Member Tina Pace, Council Member Jerry Beck, Council Member Jesse Johnson, Council Member Jim Hirth, Council Member Matt Foster, Council Member Scott Gilbreath, Mayor Billy Davis

City staff included:

City Manager, Lori Watson

Asst City Manager, Cristina Winner

Asst City Manager, Matt Elgin

City Attorney, Rob Allibon

City Secretary, Asja Reyes

Fire Representative, Keira Stephens

Police Chief, Kit Long

Planning and Comm Dev Director, Rachel Roberts

Director of Utilities, Randal Manus

EDC Director, Molly Martin

Asst Finance Director, Heather Gwin

HR Administrator, Lacy Duncan

Media Relations Coordinator, Jay Hinton

Downtown Events Coordinator, Julie Hepler

Absent: Public Works Director, Mike Rocamontes

Non-Action Items for Discussion

1. Department Presentation -- Community Development

Director of Planning and Community Development Rachel Roberts provided council with an update on the Planning and Community Development Department. She presented figures regarding permits over the past few years, and provided an update on major construction projects and major planning projects.

2. Direction on Funding for the City of Crowley's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Julie Hepler, Main Street Coordinator, discussed the City's plan to commemorate the City of Crowley's 75th anniversary. The community-wide birthday celebration, to be held at the Crowley Crossing in the spring of 2026, was proposed earlier this year during budget session meetings and approved for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. When the event was approved, a funding source was not identified. Julie asked the council to assist with direction on a preferred funding source for the event with an amount NTE \$175,000. Julie explained that the event costs could be offset by ticket sales, sponsorships, merchandise and games. The two funding sources identified by City Administration are the Gas Well Fund and the General Fund Reserves. Upon presenting these

funding sources to council they decided the Gas Well Fund would be best suited to cover the costs of the City of Crowley's 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the work session and regular meeting held on September 4, 2025.

No discussion

Public Hearings

1. (a) Hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Crowley Economic Development 4B FY2025-26 Operating Budget and discuss and (b) consider adopting the Crowley Economic Development 4B FY2025-26 Operating Budget.

No discussion

2. Hold a Public Hearing to receive input on the Operating Budget beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026.

No discussion

3. Hold a Public Hearing to receive input on the proposed 2025 ad valorem property tax rate.

No discussion

City Business

1. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 09-2025-573, an Ordinance authorizing the City's Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2025, in the maximum amount of \$8,000,000 for the purposes set forth in the City's Notice of Intention, payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, within the limitations prescribed by law, upon all taxable property in the city, and a pledge of certain revenues of the city's combined utility system; and other matters in connection therewith.

No discussion

2. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance 09-2025-571, an ordinance of the City of Crowley, Texas approving and adopting the budget for fiscal year 2025-26, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

No discussion

3. Consider and act upon ratification of the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Proposed FY 2025-26 City of Crowley Operating Budget.

No discussion

4. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance 09-2025-572, an ordinance of the City of Crowley,

Texas affixing and levying Municipal Ad Valorem Taxes for the fiscal year 2025-26, beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026, and for each year thereafter until otherwise provided on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Crowley as of January 1, 2026 to provide revenues for the payment of current expenses and all outstanding debts of the city; directing the assessment thereof; providing for due dates and delinquent dates for payment of Texas together with penalties and interest thereon; providing for approval of the tax rolls presented to the City Council; repealing conflicting ordinances providing a severability clause and declaring an effective date.

No discussion

5. Discuss and consider approving revisions to the Pay Classification Plan.

No discussion

6. Discuss and consider adoption of Resolution R09-2025-464 of the City of Crowley amending the Staffing Plan.

No discussion

7. Discuss and consider approval of a request by Ocean Star Group for a variance from city code Section 102-124, "Schedule for signs in the Crowley Downtown District," to allow more than one wall sign per street frontage

No discussion

8. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 09-2025-574, an ordinance amending Appendix A: Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges of the Crowley City Code, to update certain building permit fees and to add new fees for sign posting and zoning re-notice and for master sign plan applications

No discussion

9. Discuss and consider approving the EDC's branding package recommendation for Crowley Crossing's logo and color scheme.

No discussion

10. Discuss and consider approving Ordinance 09-2025-575, an ordinance of the City of Crowley amending Chapter 86 Utilities, Article IV Rates and Charges and Billing Procedures, Division 5 Billing Procedures, Section 86-728 Resumption of Service: Reconnection Fees, to update operational hours.

No discussion

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 06:49 p.m.


Billy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary