

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION HELD MAY 7, 2026. The City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 7:00 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 Regular Session to order at 7:00 p.m. City Secretary Carol Cannady 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 Carl Weber III, 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, Carol Cannady

Police Chief, Kit Long

Planning and Comm Dev Director, Rachel Roberts

Public Works Director, Mike Rocamontes

Director of Utilities, Randal Manus

EDC Director, Molly Martin

Asst Finance Director, Heather Gwin

Media Relations Coordinator, Jay Hinton

Absent: Council Member Scott Gilbreath

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags

Invocation was given by Media Relations Coordinator Jay Hinton followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

Presentations/Proclamations

1. Building Safety Month Proclamation

Council Member Jerry Beck reads the Building Safety Month Proclamation. Mayor Davis presents the proclamation to the City Building Official Nathan Gonzales.

2. Presentation of the **Mission: Lifeline Gold Award Crowley Fire Department.**

Assistant Fire Chief Keira Stephens announced that the Fire Department received 2026 Mission: Lifeline Gold Award from the American Heart Association for excellence in emergency cardiac care. She explained this recognition honors agencies that demonstrate a commitment to providing rapid, research-based treatment for patients experiencing severe cardiac events.

Consent Agenda

1. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the work session and regular meeting held on April 2, 2026.

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to Approve the consent agenda items as presented; second by Council Member Jerry Beck, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Hearings

1. Hold a public hearing, discuss, and consider approval of Ordinance # 05-2026-594 amending portions of city code Chapter 106, "Zoning", Article 5, "Use Regulations," to amend regulations for accessory buildings, including permitted size and number. **Case # ZCA-2026-001**

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. and invited anyone wishing to speak to come forward.

Planning and Community Development Director Rachel Roberts explained staff received multiple requests from residents with large lots (1 acre or more) seeking approval for accessory buildings larger than currently allowed by code. Following a work session with the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Commission expressed support for increasing the allowable size of accessory buildings on acreage properties, noting that the concerns behind existing size restrictions are typically less significant on larger lots. Staff also recommended clarifying regulations related to accessory buildings for commercial and other non-residential uses.

The proposed ordinance amendment would allow residential accessory buildings on properties of at least one acre to be up to 50 percent of the gross floor area of the primary structure. The ordinance further clarifies that gross floor area includes all enclosed and unenclosed areas under a roof, excluding pergolas, wall-attached canopies, and awnings.

For non-residential uses, including commercial, industrial, and multifamily developments, the ordinance clarifies that there is no limit on the number of accessory buildings permitted. Examples of such structures may include clubhouses, leasing offices, carports, covered mailrooms, maintenance storage buildings, or auxiliary industrial structures. While no maximum size is established for accessory buildings in non-residential districts, the structures must remain subordinate to the primary building, cannot exceed the height of the primary structure, and must comply with maximum lot coverage requirements within the zoning district.

The Planning & Zoning Commission considered the proposed amendment during its April 27 meeting. After conducting a public hearing, during which no speakers addressed the Commission, the Commission voted to recommend approval of the amendment.

Mayor Davis closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Council Member Carl Weber III made the motion to Approve Ordinance No 05-2026-594; second by Council Member Jim Hirth, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

City Business

1. Discuss the 2026 rate increase proposed by Waste Connections for solid waste services under the current contract and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 05-2026-592, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Crowley, Texas, amending solid waste rate fees in Appendix A (Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges) of the Code of Ordinances; providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Jerry Beck made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 05-2026-592 regarding the 2026 solid waste service rate increase; second by Council Member Tina Pace, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Consider adoption of Resolution No. R05-2026-483 approving the temporary closure of Bicentennial Park from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026, through 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2026, to ensure the safety of the general public during the setup, preparation, and fireworks detonation activities associated with the Celebration of Freedom event.

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to Approve Resolution R05-2026-483 approving the temporary closure of Bicentennial Park; second by Council Member Carl Weber III, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Discuss and consider adoption of Ordinance No. 05-2026-595 approving the traffic plan for the Celebration of Freedom Fireworks Display on Saturday, July 11, 2026

Council Member Tina Pace made the motion to Approve Ordinance No 05-2026-595 approving the traffic plan for the Celebration of Freedom Fireworks Display; second by Council Member Jerry Beck, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Discuss and consider a special event application submitted by the Pentecostal Fellowship Church to hold a "Church in the Park" outreach service in Bicentennial Park on May 25, 2026 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Council Member Jim Hirth made the motion to Approve the special event permit for the Pentecostal Fellowship Church; second by Council Member Carl Weber III, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Advisory Boards and Commissions

1. Discuss and consider appointing Debbie Wilkerson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alternate Place 1

Council Member Tina Pace made the motion to Nominate and appoint Debbie Wilkerson to Alternate Place 1 on the Zoning Board of Adjustments; second by Council Member Jim Hirth, council voted unanimously to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Mr Dakota Marshall and Collin Caffey addressed council concerning conflicting fencing regulations in the City's Code of Ordinance related to vinyl fencing and requested the Council consider clarify or correcting the information.

Items of Community Interest

Assistant City Manager Matt Elgin introduced Craig Turner, the City's new Project Manager.

Assistant City Manager Critina Winner announced the new "Walk Through Crowley" program offered by the Recreation Center every Tuesday through June 2026.

Executive Session

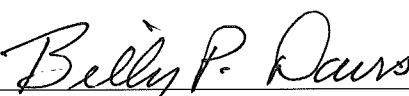
N/A

Reconvene and Take Action from Executive Session

N/A

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Billy Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



Billy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carol C. Cannady, City Secretary