Crowley Census Results May Get City More Funds

CROWLEY — The Crowley City Council authorized Mayor Joe Gielen last night to proceed with a census of the city in an effort to obtain more funds from the state’s cigarette tax levy.

The action was taken after the council was told by the mayor that the state would accept a proper census figure in between federal census counts.

A.J. Szabo, engineer for the street improvement program, advised the council that a 67-mi of city streets to be rebuilt or resurfaced, will take from 9 to 10 months to complete. Bids on this project will be opened and a contract awarded on March 29.

Gielen received permission to make Norris Deville and John Potier permanent police patrolmen, following the expiration of their probationary periods. Anthony Guidry was also approved as a permanent fireman, and Russell Meche was elevated to driver in the fire department.

Appearing before the council to request additional land for a softball park for adult men and women was Bill Williams. He said the present Mill Street facilities are now overtaxed.

Rep. Allen Gremillion, speaking from the audience, said that if park land were needed by the city, there was a possibility of the state assisting in providing funds for such a purchase.

In other action, the council approved funds for the drafting of a new map of the city that can be sold to individuals need the city disposal plant; discussed the use of aluminum or steel pipe in lieu of concrete pipe at city intersections; and advised Ned Wilson that the city hopes to have sufficient funds to construct a bridge leading into the Bayou Bend subdivision, over Bayou Blanc.