

Daily (ex. Mon/Sat)  
(Dly 5,300; Sun 5,800)  
June 7, 2009

# Council approves fluoridation

BY HOWELL DENNIS  
NEWS EDITOR

**CROWLEY** - The Public Works committee of the Crowley City Council unanimously agreed to continue with the process of water fluoridation after hearing some evidence from local dentist Dr. John Taylor, Karissa Page, Fluoridation Coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public

Health, Maternal and Child Health, and Emily Daveport with the Healthy Smiles Louisiana Coalition. A group of public health professionals along with several area dentists came out strong in support of the fluoridation system, saying that there was never any direct proof that fluoridation caused any illnesses and that the benefits of fluoridation are too strong to be ignored. "Actually it was out of our support of the fluoridation system, presented to us by area dentists and the American Dental Association and the evidence in support of fluoridation was just to much to ignore."

At a recent city council meeting, Dr. James Reeves gave a presentation on the "dangers" of fluoridation. The council told Reeves that they would take the matter into consideration, however, in the end there simply wasn't enough evidence to change hands because the state has mandated that any town or city with over 5,000 citizens use fluoridation," said Councilman Elliot Dere Friday morning. "We also listened to some facts presented to us by area dentists and the American Dental Association and the evidence in support of fluoridation was just to much to ignore."

SEE COUNCIL PAGE 2A

## COUNCIL: Has to follow state mandate

**FROM PAGE 1A** it be up to the people but it is a state mandate that we have to follow," said Councilman Vernon "Step" Martin. "If there is any situation where someone has a problem we encourage them to come to the city council meeting and come up to the podium." Also, the City of Crowley received a Dental Community Initiative Award for contributions made on behalf of community fluoridation at the Public Works Committee meeting on June 3rd. Ward Blackwell, Executive of State and Territorial Dental Directors, along with other members of the dental community, commented the City Council on recognizing the benefits of fluoridated water.

**Metro Press Clipping Bureau**  
An Extraordinary Clipping Service

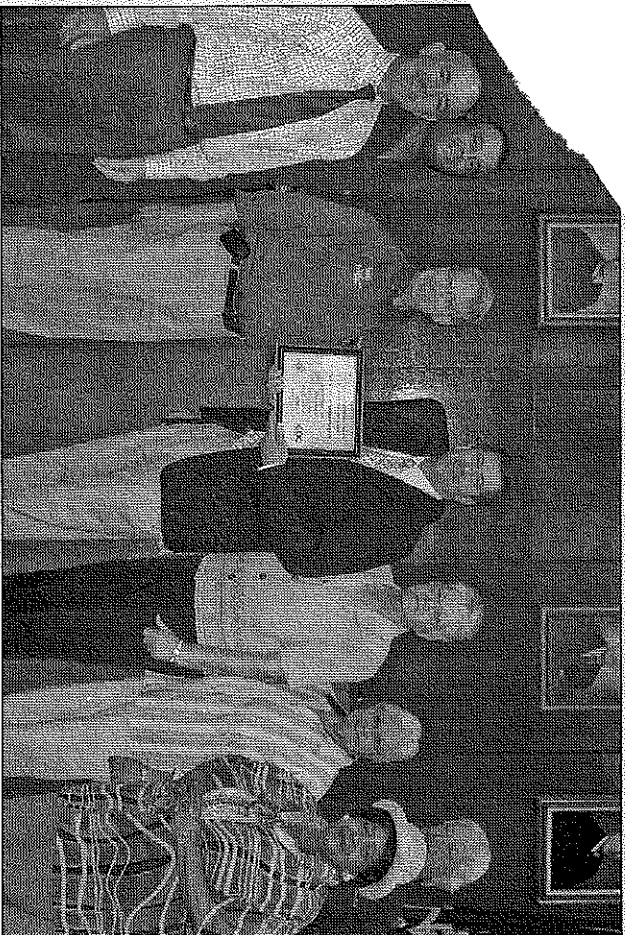
Phone (225) 791-8898

**The Crowley Post-Signal**

**Crowley, LA**

Daily (ex. Mon/Sat)  
(Diy 5,300; Sun 5,800)

**June 7, 2009**



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

The City of Crowley received a Community Initiative Award for their decision to continue with the floodation system that is currently being used as a part of the city's water system. At the meeting were, from left, Alderman Elliot Dore, Alderman Vernon "Step" Martin, Mayor Pro-tem Steven Premeaux, Executive Director of the Louisiana Dental Association Ward Blackwell, Alderwoman Mary Melancon, Alderwoman Kitty Valdetero, Alderwoman Laurita Pete, and Alderman Jeff Dore.