

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
AUGUST 12, 2019**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked that the Clerk call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were absent: Alderman Betty Coleman

There were also present: Police Chief Brent Dicharry, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Ms. Kimberly Deroche, 118 E. 12th Street, inquired about the hiring process for the Gramercy Police Department.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Monday, September 2, 2019 is a holiday for the town and the office will be closed. On Friday, August 16, 2019 he will attend a training class at the South Central Planning office for the work order management program. Next week we will send out sample bottles to residents for our tri-annual Lead and Copper testing. Attended the LMA Convention and learned that Louisiana Municipal Association can provide training material for state required sexual harassment training for our employees. St. James Parish will be holding an ethics training class on September 26, 2019 at the West Bank Reception Hall. A company has approached the mayor concerning renting the empty fire station bay to house industrial supplies; Mayor Nosacka will invite their representative to attend next months' meeting to provide more information. Thomas Ragas demolition is nearly complete. South Star Urgent Care will have its' grand opening on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 11:00 am. The property located at 904 E. Railroad has been appraised and we will soon begin the process to have a public sale.

Mayor Nosacka presented E. Second Street, S. Millet St., S. Fir St., S. Elm St., and S Cherry St. for a resurfacing project and the costs for re-surfacing each street. This project will be paid with St. James Parish Roadway money.

It was motioned by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Wiggins to have E. Second Street re-surfaced. A vote being taken on the motion, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Coleman
ABSTAIN: None

And the motion passed on this 9th day of September, 2019.

REPORT ON-GOING PROJECTS

Work continues on the Dudley Station rehabilitation project. AT & T has moved their lines by E. Railroad Avenue.

2. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Dicharry reported that school zones are now in effect and the police department is directing traffic by Gramercy Elementary. He will assign an extra officer to help control speeding in subdivisions.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated the Mississippi River is at normal stage. He presented information on how a round-about is safe. He passed out a copy of an article in The Advocate about Louisiana experiencing more intense rain showers that result in flash flooding.

C. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Mr. Boudreaux continues to work on abandoned vehicles and high grass notifications.

3. REPORTS FROM ST JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District One Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. reported that he spoke with Representative Clay Schexnayder concerning the round-about at LA 3125; Representative Schexandyer stated that money budgeted was specifically for that project and it cannot be altered. The Parish is working on the 2020 budget, if the mayor or aldermen would like to see any projects included please contact him by the end of the month. He will keep Alderman Betty Coleman in his prayers.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc had no report this month.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Board member Craig Calcagno handed out his monthly report. Timers were adjusted for the lights in Park A. A pool pump motor needs repair. They have received three quotes for the tennis court project. Plans for the press box were changed from a new building to cargo containers. Research is being done on a Parish wide WIFI program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings, and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Theron Louque stated that Louisiana Municipal Association has provided information property nuisance abatement. He inquired about how our ordinances compared to state laws.

Alderman Brack has no report for this month.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that our major drainage canals are all in need of cleaning. All residents who have right-of-ways should be notified of requirements to keep that area free of any structures. He inquired when the new Work Order Program will be installed.

Alderman Wiggins reported that S. Cherry Street will need culverts for widening. He thanked his fellow alderman for their help during Hurricane Barry.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Fauchoux stated that the Board will have to declare the property at 904 E. Railroad as surplus property and advertise for sale. The minimum bid should be set at the appraised value. Four property liens have been filed on behalf of the town for blighted property expenses.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack and approved to adjourn at 8:24 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor
/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk