

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
OCTOBER 9, 2017**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

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

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Jody Bourgeois, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty C. Coleman, Alderman Rhonda Lee, Alderman Claude Wiggins

There were absent: None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were received on agenda items.

**REPORTS**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka thanked the Police Department, maintenance crew, and EOC for Gramercy and St. James Parish for doing a great job preparing for Hurricane Nate. He reminded everyone to vote on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor received a letter from Rep. Clay Schexnayder addressed to LA Department of Transportation concerning projects submitted for this years' budget. Thomas Ragas' 90 day extension to demolish his building ends on November 8, 2017, there is not much progress on this project. Mayor Nosacka will be requesting quotes for concrete repairs needed throughout town. The towns' sanitary survey results have been received, it is recommended that the town begins enforcing its cross connection program. The East Bank Drainage Committee is working on plans to reduce backwater flooding; they will hold a public meeting to have discussions on long range drainage plans for the Parish.

**REPORTS ON ONGOING PROJECTS**

Mayor Nosacka presented a survey map of the E. Railroad Street connection project.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS**

**A. CHIEF OF POLICE**

Police Chief Brent Dicharry thanked everyone for their efforts to prepare for Hurricane Nate. Also, thanked Colby Crowe for his assistance with helping get children home during the rain event earlier in the month. Chief Dicharry reported that the Gramercy Police Department answered 346 calls in September. He announced the police department will follow the same street closure plan for Halloween 2017.

**B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated that Gramercy fared well during Hurricane Nate. However, it was still a dangerous storm; many businesses in Biloxi, MS received up to four feet of water and a buoy in Mobile, AL reported 30' waves. He recommended the town look into economic development programs that may help food stores and gas stations to acquire a generator, therefore continuing to provide services to the community during storms.

**REPORTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that Moore New Homes has applied for four new house construction permits. A mobile home application has been turned into the office. The home does not meet the Town ordinance age restriction and it is recommended that the permit be denied. Mayor Nosacka stated that the Golden Grove Subdivision is zoned R1-Residential, mobile homes are not allowed in this area.

**REPORTS FROM GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT**

Mr. Calcagno passed out this monthly report. Railings with sliding gates are being installed to help with traffic control during sporting events. Recreation Board Chairman Chad Weidert met with Architect Jeff Bell and Mickie Roussel, from St. James Parish,

to discuss the Parks' needs and staying in line with the Park Master Plan. It was suggested that wind sails be considered for shade areas.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**ORD 701-17** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV, SEWER USE AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT, DIVISION 3, DOMESTIC USER REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT REMEDY.

**ORD 702-17** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A, ZONING, ARTICLE 20, C-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO IMPOSE NECESSARY CONDITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR THE DISTRICT

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 23-17

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor requires the preparation of an annual Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government agencies, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance audit report provides information which determines required actions by the Town to maintain compliance set by Louisiana Legislative Auditor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have reviewed and hereby approve the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Agencies, dated September 19, 2017, for the Town of Gramercy, LA, which is attached to this Resolution.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Bourgeois, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Bourgeois, Calcagno, Coleman, Lee, Wiggins
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

RESOLUTION 24-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO THE FINES FOR TRAFFIC SPEEDING VIOLATIONS FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy desire to modify the fines that shall be imposed for traffic speeding violations for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA THAT:

SECTION 1. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to impose and collect the following fines, in addition to the current authorized Court Costs, for traffic speeding violations for the Town of Gramercy, according to the following calculation:

Total Fine = \$85.00 plus \$1 per mile exceeding the speed limit plus Court Cost

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Coleman, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and resulted in the following vote:

YEAS:	Bourgeois, Calcagno, Coleman, Lee, Wiggins
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Coleman invited everyone to Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm, by Bridgepoint Church Daily Grind, 208 E. Main Street. She has received complaints about mosquitos and inquired if Mosquito Control continues to spray. Mayor Nosacka stated that spraying does continue.

Alderman Wiggins has received complaints about high grass at 303 E. Jefferson Hwy and 274 s. Airline. Alderman Wiggins reported that Entergy's contract renewal is coming soon and we need to express our concerns before signing a new contract.

Alderman Bourgeois reported a dumpster at Sonic Drive In is full and needs to be emptied.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. On October 3, 2017 a power outage caused a railroad cross arm failure and reported a red light outage to EOC. Fire Prevention Week is October 8 – 14, 2017, it is a good time to review your home emergency fire plan and to make sure your house number is visible to emergency personnel. Alderman Calcagno reminded everyone that this November the town will celebrate 70 years of incorporation.

#### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Fauchaux is working on the Railroad servitudes for the E. Railroad connection project. There are no lawsuits pending against the town at this time. He also requested an Attorney General's opinion on drainage right of way notification to property owners before work is done.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Lee, second by Alderman Bourgeois and approved to adjourn 8:23 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk