

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**ORDINANCE 723-19** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, SECTION 74-41 FURNISHING WATER TO OTHERS

There being no comments on the above ordinance, Mayor Nosacka closed the public hearing and continued with regular order of business.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Tuesday, November 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 (deceased)

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments

**PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS** - None

**REPORTS**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka reported that the request for Capital Outlay funding request has been submitted. A notice of sale for the adjudicated property at 904 E. Railroad is being advertised and sale is set December 6, 2019. A crack in the street near 215 N. Pine Street is getting larger; water is washing out the layer under the street and is in need of repair. A special meeting is called for Monday, November 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm to fill the Alderman, District 1 vacancy.

The costs for the barricade on E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street is approximately \$4,176.00. A motion to continue with project was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and was approved.

**2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT**

Mayor Nosacka stated that Entergy has completed the power upgrade by Dudley Pump Station. We are waiting for guidelines from LA DOTD and CN concerning E. Railroad Avenue Re-location project. Bid packs for the ground storage tank repairs will be mailed out next week and bid opening is set for December 3, 2019.

**3. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS**

**A. CHIEF OF POLICE**

Police Chief Brent Dicharry stated that Halloween was successful and there were no incidents to report. He has spoken with a towing company about removing several tagged cars. The new GPS for the Police Department will be through Verizon; the program provides more information and costs less than old program.

**B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated that during the tropical event in October there were several residents out of electricity for several hours. During the recent rain event about 3" of water was on the street in first block of N. Montz; it is suggested the board find the drainage issue in this area.

**C. CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mr. Ronald Boudreaux reported that he continues to speak with residents concerning abandoned cars and has tagged vehicles when owners do not remove the vehicle. There have been several roof replacement jobs that were started without permits; however after notification the contractors did file for a permit.

4. **REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT - None**

5. **REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A. PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Nosacka reported that the Planning Commission recommends the approval of the building permit for MUZU Inc. on Deroche Circle.

**B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT**

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. The soccer and football fields have been cut. Parking was better at the last game due to effort of signs, striping and parking blocks. The parish electricians came for electrical hook up by tennis courts. They are looking into upgrading the present park signs.

**ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION**

ORDINANCE 723-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, SECTION 74-41 FURNISHING WATER TO OTHERS

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Section 74-41 regarding the supplying water from one customer to another.

The following shall be amended and read as:

Chapter 74, Section 74-41

No water customer shall supply water to another municipal address or permit another to take water from that customer's premises.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, October 14, 2019, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, October 24, 2019, said public meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Louque, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2019.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:**

**ORDINANCE 724-19** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III PERSONNEL POLICY

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 33-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND (CWEF) GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana legislature has approved funding for FY 2019/2020 for the Local Government Assistance (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Office of Community Development specifies terms and conditions for the use of these grant funds and other program requirements;

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 make application for the LGAP Grant program and the CWEF Grant program for FY 2019/2020, for funding to be used for Town infrastructure projects.

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

YEAS: Brack, Calcagno, Louque, Wiggins  
NAYS:  
ABSENT: Coleman (deceased)  
ABSTAIN:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Wiggins stated that Main Street is in need of cleaning up. He expressed his condolences to the family of Betty Coleman.

Alderman Theron Louque inquired about hiring help while Foreman Ronald James is out on medical leave.

Alderman Brack stated that a street light is needed on the back side of Deroche Circle.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. With the Christmas holidays approaching we need to look into have N. Airline, S. Airline and Main Street cleaned up. Checked on the Dudley Pump Station project and noticed that future spin-off projects will need to be considered.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr. stated that the lien for Thomas Ragas property will be filed in January, 2020.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adjourn 8:15 pm.

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Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

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Amy O. St. Pierre, Town Clerk