

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JANUARY 13, 2020**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:15 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 Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: Alderman Darren Brack

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 - There were no presentation and comments

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the property at 904 E. Railroad Avenue that was sold at public sale will be renovated by the property owner and used as a rental property. He has asked Town Attorney Robert Faucheux to file a lien on the Thomas Ragas property. Tracy Kell will be retiring and we are advertising for a water plant operator.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the new pumps at Dudley Pump Station are running and he is waiting for a quote on a remote alarm. We received bids for the E. Railroad Relocation project and are ready to accept the contractor's bid. The contractor working on the E. Second Street resurfacing project has defaulted on the contract and the contractor's insurance company will find another contractor to complete the project. The plans for our water plant ground storage tank project are being reviewed by the Department of Health.

3. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Brent Dicharry reported that 298 tickets were written in an eight month period. There have been several reports of car burglaries in St. James Parish; no incidents have been reported in Gramercy at this time. The Police Department has completed a six month undercover narcotic investigation in Gramercy and as a result there have been four arrests. Grand Point Salvage has advised Chief Dicharry that they have space to receive abandoned cars that are towed by the Town.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that the Town's nuisance wild life permit has been renewed. He suggests that the town meet with a consultant to raise the base elevation and have a drainage ordinance on building restrictions. He also recommends an ordinance that requires future commercial development to provide an impact study.

C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT - None

4. REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT - None

5. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION - None

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Jeff Bell with CSRS presented his draft of the Recreational Improvement plans and cost estimate for Park A.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE EAST RAILROAD AND SOUTH AIRLINE AVENUE INTERSECTION PROJECT, GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, solicited bids for the East Railroad and South Airline Avenue Intersection Project; and,

WHEREAS, LA contracting Enterprise, LLC, 1645 Saint Patrick Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana 70301, has submitted the lowest qualified responsible bid for the East Railroad and South Airline Avenue Intersection Project,

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

SECTION 1. LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, 1645 Saint Patrick Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana is hereby deemed to be the lowest qualified bidder for the EAST RAILROAD AND SOUTH AIRLINE AVENUE INTERSECTION PROJECT for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana and is awarded a bid price not to exceed Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars and No Change (\$97,728.00).

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby empowered and authorized to sign all documents in connection with the contract with LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC, 1645 Saint Patrick Street, Thibodaux, Louisiana.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 13th day of January, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that despite dispersing building permit door hangers we are still having un-permitted jobs occurring. He would like the building permit application to include a "detailed scope" section. He also asked about updates from the Parish regarding drainage ditch cleaning.

Alderman Louque thanked the Maintenance Crew for the quick response on cleaning up trash on N. Airline. He inquired about scheduling the cleaning of ditches along N. Airline.

Alderman Wiggins thanked Chief Dicharry for assistance by house fire in December; the house is being demolished at this time by property owner. Also thanked the Police Department for a safe Christmas and New Year holiday season.

Alderman Woods thanked Alderman Calcagno for his help with the 2019 Toys for Tots campaign; it was a success. She thanked Alderman Wiggins for riding her through District One so can make notes of areas of interest. She has received complaints about parked cars along Rose Street blocking traffic from passing safely on street. She inquired about letting Waste Management managers know about trash cans being left in the street after their workers have picked up garbage.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr. reported that he will begin the lien process on the Thomas Ragas property.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Louque, and approved to adjourn 7:06 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk