

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, February 10, 2020 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, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: None

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 stated that he received several resumes' for the water plant operator position and will soon begin interviews. The engineering for a roundabout at LA 3125 and LA 3274 capital outlay project has been approved. He received a project notice from Atmos Energy concerning installation of new gas lines along LA 3274. A meeting with Krewe of MAC has been scheduled for Monday, February 17, 2020 to finalize plans for their Mardi Gras parade.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the substantial completion certificate for the Dudley Pump Station Rehabilitation has been signed. The contractors for the water plant storage tank project have started mobilizing the supplies needed for the project. He has met with LA Contracting Enterprises to finalize plans for E. Railroad Relocation project.

3. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Brent Dicharry reported two suspects have been arrested in recent burglary reports. Grand Point Salvage is now able to receive abandoned cars from the town. He is currently researching the town's ordinance on roadway parking and will ask the council for a change in the near future.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that the roof on the convenience store on LA 44 is deteriorating; he suggests having the town temporarily secure the area until the owner can make the necessary repairs. He reported that the protective pilings by the water intake are in need of repairs and made more at risk by shipping traffic.

C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Ronald Boudreaux reported that he has tagged the abandoned car near the maintenance yard. Several demolition letters have been mailed to property owners.

4. REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District One Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. provided a report highlighting several projects St. James Parish has completed in 2019 in Gramercy and he spoke on Parish budgeted projects that have been approved for 2020.

5. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that a restaurant owner on Main Street has requested an Alcoholic Beverage permit. The planning commission recommends the Board to call a public hearing on the matter.

A motion was made by Alderman Brack to not support the issuance of alcoholic beverage permits for businesses on Main Street, the motion was seconded by Alderman Louque. A vote being taken on the motion, the results were as follows:

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

And the motion passed on this 10th day of February, 2020

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. They have met with St. Pierre fencing concerning repairs that are need at the parks. The Parish electricians are waiting for delivery of electrical boxes to hook up power by tennis courts. The Recreation Board will extend an invitation to new parish administration to educate them on the operations of Gramercy Recreation District.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 02-2020

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2020 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the history of African-Americans here in the Town of Gramercy and in our entire nation reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in the struggle to equally share in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty for all people; and,

WHEREAS, our African-American residents have participated in every American effort to secure, protect, and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights; and,

WHEREAS, all our citizens can take every opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people, to develop pride in their own identity and heritage, and to respect and accept the identity and heritage of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy do hereby recognize February 2020 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in our TOWN OF GRAMERCY, and we call our residents to this observance.

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, Woods
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th day of February, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE IN CONNECTION WITH TOWN OF GRAMERCY DUDLEY PUMP STATION REHABILITATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana advertised for bid on the Town of Gramercy Dudley Pump Station Rehabilitation;

WHEREAS, said contract was awarded to Gottfried Contracting LLC for original contract price not to exceed Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand dollars and no cents (\$315,000.00);

WHEREAS, the town hereby approves Change Order Number One, net increase in contract price not to exceed Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Five dollars and nine cents (\$17,695.09);

WHEREAS, copies of Change Order Number One shall be attached hereto.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana hereby accepts the recommendation of Mayor, for Change Order Number One in connection with bids for the Town of Gramercy Dudley Pump Station Rehabilitation,

SECTION 2. Original contract price is \$315,000.00; Change Order Number One net increase not to exceed \$17,695.09

SECTION 3. Mayor Steven T. Nosacka is hereby approved and authorized to sign all documentation pertaining herewith.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Woods:

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th day of February, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Woods reported receiving complaints about the red dust from Noranda. The Martin Luther King celebration was a success and thanked all who attended.

Alderman Clyde Wiggins reported the power line by 296 N. Magnolia needs to be lifted and asked the mayor to contact Entergy on this matter. He has received complaints about speeding on S. Elm Street and S. Fir Street.

Alderman Louque received reports that the meter reader is not placing the covers back on the meter after reading; he asked the mayor to speak with him on this matter. He would like the town to post the Waste Management holiday schedule so customers would know if they should place their cans out for pickup. He inquired when the concrete work by E. 14th Street and E. 10th Street will be completed.

Alderman Brack would like to see the ditch cleaning efforts continue on N. Airline Avenue. He has received complaints about Waste Management leaving cans in the road after passing. He asked if there is any update on seepage by Dunn property.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He has noticed speeding in the subdivision areas, especially near the park. He would like the town's blight ordinance revised to follow the state statutes. To prevent foreign objects from plugging up our sewer pumps, the town should research the use of strainer baskets.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr. reported that the lien for Thomas Ragas property has been filed. The notifications and time line for removal of the Parquette mobile home on E. Second Street has been met and the town can now take action.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn 8:40 pm.

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