

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:00 pm at 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: Chief Brent Dicharry, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Jude Gravois announced his candidacy for re-election for Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. He has served more than 11 years as a Judge on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and has 42 years of legal/judicial experience.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the contract with Gramercy Recreation District is due to expire October 2020 and he is recommending we extend the contract to the end of year to work out details on a future contract. He is waiting on quotes for the roof replacement at the maintenance shop. He presented a list of concrete work that is needed throughout town. He attended the recent bonfire meeting at Pontchartrain Levee District, and they are working on the permit process for bonfire permits. The Cares Act reimbursement application is due by October 15, 2020.

Mayor Nosacka asked for a motion to approve the Town of Gramercy Trick or Treat hours for October 31, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A motion was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and passed unanimously.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the estimated cost to replace the conduit by the Sewer Oxidation Pond is \$78,000. The generator for Dudley Pump Station should be delivered by mid-November. He has met with Jim Zeringue to schedule the cleaning of Ferrara Canal and Central Canal; this project is expected to begin by the end of October. Senator Ed Price has sent his letter of support for the Capital Outlay Project that will be for the installation of a new sewer force main from Dudley Station.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brent Dicharry stated that the investigation of the shooting in Golden Grove area is near completion and an arrest should be made soon. A representative from 4H has inquired about using the fire station on N. Montz for practice BB gun shooting and he has advised them to contact Mayor Nosacka.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – No report for this month.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Ronald Boudreaux stated that three tagged cars have been removed. He will turn in the address of those who need high grass letters.

3. REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT – No report for this month

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that a property owner on LA 3125 has inquired about re-zoning residential property to commercial. The owner will bring forward more information in November.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Demolition has begun on the pool. A vendor is interested in selling snowballs on Park property. The liability insurance deductible has gone up and they will research new policies. The board has agreed to cancel all building rentals through the end of 2020.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR S. MILLET DRAINAGE AND ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, is commencing a drainage and street widening project on S. Millet Street;

WHEREAS, engineering services are required in support of this project;

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

SECTION 1. The engineering firm of High Tide Consultants, LLC, 1295 Lutcher Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 is hereby approved and appointed to provide engineering services in support of the S. Millet Drainage and Street Widening Project;

SECTION 2. The Board of Alderman hereby authorizes and empowers Mayor Steven T. Nosacka to execute any and all documents in connection with the contract with High Tide Consultants LLC

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Wiggins,

A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PARADE PERMIT FOR THE RISE ST JAMES MARCH

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gramercy, Section 50-40 through 50-49 provides for the issuance of Parade Permits; and

WHEREAS, the RISE St James, a non-profit corporation domiciled in St. James Parish, has requested that a Parade Permit be issued for their use in holding a March traveling on LA Highway 641 and certain Town streets, to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2020.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby approve the Permit Application for Rise St James and Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and issue this Permit Application.

SECTION 2. This approval and issuance are conditioned on the compliance by Rise St James with all of the requirements of the applicable Town Ordinances and including the providing of evidence of necessary Parade Bond in the amount of at least \$10,000.

SECTION 3. This approval and issuance are further conditioned on absolute adherence to the attached Route Map and that there will only be walkers and that no vehicles will be a part of this Parade except for those utilized by Town of Gramercy and St. James Parish officials.

SECTION 3. As specified in Section 50-49, the Town reserves the authority to revoke this Parade Permit, at any time up to and including the Parade start time, if the violation of any standard for the issuance of the Permit occurs.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Wiggins 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 13th day of October, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack reported the No Parking sign at W. Railroad and S. Airline needs to be replaced. Drainage work has begun by Sonic and China King.

Alderman Louque asked if we have had any communication from the insurance companies concerning damage payments for LA 3125-fire hydrant and Taylor's Express entrance/exit height restriction bar.

Alderman Woods thanked all the individuals involved with the voter registration drives that were recently held; they turned in 21 applications. She asked Mayor Nosacka to contact LSR about the high grass by fence area at E. Main Street and S. Millet. She received a call about a pothole by S. Oak and River Road.

Alderman Wiggins reported that six streetlights have been repaired by Entergy. A pothole on N. Montz Street needs repair as well as by 414 E. Railroad.

Alderman Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He has reported to LA DOTD the green arrow on Main Street light is out of order. Fire Prevention Week is October 4 – 10, 2020; please check your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors, if they are older than 10 years the detector itself should be changed.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr. stated the paperwork for the sewer lift station agreement for O'Reily Auto Parts store is ready for signatures.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

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