

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, November 9, 2020, 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: Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS** - None

**REPORTS**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka congratulated Ms. Woods on her election as District 1 Alderman. We have received the check for payment of damages of the fire hydrant on LA 3125. He has contacted four contractors for grass cutting in town and has received only one as of today. He has received the permit and variance for RV cover on E. Eighth Street; he will forward the request to the Planning Commission for approval. Noel Electric is running the conduit and gas line by Dudley Pump Station for the new generator.

Mr. Scott Poirrier of Hightide Consultants presented information on the bulkhead installation by Dudley Pump Station. Mayor Nosacka asked for a motion to approve Mr. Scott Poirrier of High Tide Consultants LLC to provide engineering services for this project. A motion was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack and was passed unanimously.

Mayor Nosacka presented two quotes for the list of concrete work to be done throughout town and asked for a motion to approve the lowest quote received from Bass Contractors Inc. of Metairie, LA. Alderman Brack made a motion to award Bass Contractors Inc the project with the stipulation they use local retailers for concrete and materials, seconded by Alderman Louque and was passed unanimously.

Mayor Nosacka met with 4H representatives concerning the use of the fire station on N. Montz for their youth target shooting practice site. He asked for a motion to move forward with drafting a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the two entities. A motion was made by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and was passed unanimously.

**2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT – No report for this month**

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS**

**A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE**

Sgt. Alex Gerhold reported that there were no incidents during Halloween.

**REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – No report for this month.**

**B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Code Enforcement Officer Ronald Boudreaux stated that he and Mayor Nosacka have identified several more abandoned vehicles and he will begin the notification process.

**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 had no report for this month

**B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT**

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Demolition on Pool A is 95% complete. They have received compliments on the shaded seating areas in the park. The fence by 7-8 ballfield will be removed. There were discussions for lighting options for East end of Park A.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-2020**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PONCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT AND THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CHRISTMAS BONFIRE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, and the Pontchartrain Levee District desire to enter into an annual Christmas Bonfire program agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, desires once again to comply with the Pontchartrain Levee District Christmas Bonfire program agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, desires to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pertaining to the Christmas Bonfire Program.

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

SECTION 1. Mr. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and sign said Christmas Bonfire Program agreement and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District, and to pay the Towns' portion of the liability insurance premium in the amount up to \$2,500.00.

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Brack, 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. The green arrow light on Main Street is still not working properly and needs to be reported to DOTD. He has attended several Planning Commission meetings and appreciates their participation and dedication. With the Shell Convent refinery closing he inquired how this may affect our Capital Outlay Projects requests from the Parish. He suggested we purchase barricades for future emergencies.

Alderman Wiggins reported overgrown trees have blocked the streetlights on S. Fir Street and asked if we can get help from Entergy to trim back trees. He thanked Rhonda Colar for Entergy's quick response to several downed poles due to Hurricane Zeta. The canal on S. Airline Avenue by CIO Hall needs cleaning. He received complaints about speeding on Tulip Street. He congratulated Ms. Barbara Woods on her recent Alderman District 1 election.

Alderman Woods reported that ditches along S. Hickory St., S. Cherry St., and S. Sycamore St. need cutting. Rose Street needs cleaning again. She thanked everyone for the overwhelming support she received during her campaign for Alderman District 1.

Alderman Louque congratulated Ms. Woods on her recent election as Alderman District 1. He agrees with Alderman Calcagno that a portable diesel standby generator is needed by Dudley Pump Station in case of emergencies. He reported a tree on N. Airline that is leaning on phone/cable wires.

Alderman Brack congratulated Ms. Woods on her recent election as District 1 Alderman. He inquired on the status of a Town work order system. The project on N. Pine Street by Dunn property is successful and thanked everyone for their work. He would like to see the maintenance crew needs reviewed; with recent employee shortage the Mayor and Board need to consider the towns needs

for skilled workers. The no parking signs on S. Airline and W. Railroad still need to be replaced. A resident asked him if the town had any plans for the Ragas property on N. Airline; Mayor Nosacka stated that the property still belongs to Mr. Ragas. The drainage project by N. Pine Street and LA 3125 is complete and working as designed.

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

There was no report for this month

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

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

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