

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, February 8, 2021 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 Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mayor Nosacka recognized Mr. Russell Thomas for his years of service to the Town of Gramercy Planning Commission.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that we have chosen IWORQ for our work order program and we have begun with setup and training. The maintenance crew repaired a broken water line on Wednesday and a boil water advisory was posted; DHH lifted that advisory after testing our water sample. Gramercy Recreation Board has notified the mayor that they will terminate the grass cutting contract with the town. Pontchartrain Levee Board has surplus vehicles available and there are a couple vehicles we could use for our maintenance department.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Atmos Energy has begun installing the new 2" gas line at Dudley Pump Station. Scott Poirrier, Hi Tide Consultants, has completed the plans for the S. Millet waterline re-location and culvert installation project and has forwarded them to St. James Parish for review.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that Gramercy officers are working on Ethics and Sexual Harassment training.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux suggested the board develop a flood prevention plan for the town.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Ronald Boudreaux reported that several tagged abandoned vehicles have been removed by the owners. The town needs to return to its blighted house program. He continues to remind contractors that roof permits are needed.

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 the Planning Commission members recommend new roof permit fees be changed to house/double wide mobile home \$150.00, single wide mobile homes \$100.00 and sheds \$50.00. Member Nadia Poche resigned her position on the Planning Commission.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. A key fob system has been installed by the concession stand bathrooms. The Board identified the old pool area to be the new ADA playground area.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 732-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10-16, PARAGRAPH (b) OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS AS IT PERTAINS TO PERMIT FEES

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GRAMERCY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, has a Gramercy Planning and Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, member was recommended by Alderman Craig Calcagno, At Large and Alderman Claude Wiggins, At Large at the February 8, 2021 regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, to replace leaving member Nadia Poche.

WHEREAS, Alderman Craig Calcagno, At Large and Alderman Claude Wiggins, At Large has recommended the appointment of the following commission member:

District At Large: Alex Gerhold

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the appointment of the above member by Alderman Calcagno and Alderman Wiggins to the Gramercy Planning and Zoning Commission for the term ending December 31, 2022 is hereby approved.

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 8TH day of February 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2021

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021 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 2021 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 Louque 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 8th day of February, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDING TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR GRASS CUTTING SERVICES FOR
THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, solicited bids for grass cutting services on Town-owned and Rights-of-Way properties in the Town limits; and,

WHEREAS, JAM Rentals, LLC dba Louisiana Grass Masters, 1937 Second Street, Lutcher, LA 70071, has submitted the lowest qualified responsible bid.

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

SECTION 1. JAM Rentals, LLC dba Louisiana Grass Masters, 1937 Second Street, Lutcher, LA 70071, is hereby deemed to be the lowest qualified bidder for grass cutting services for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, at a cost of \$705.00 per cut, with an estimated annual cost of \$25,380.00, based upon 36 cuts per year.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby empowered and authorized to sign all documents in connection with the contract with JAM Rentals, LLC.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, second 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 8th day of February, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack thanked Alex Gerhold for his interest in serving on the Planning Commission. He thanked Mayor Nosacka for his efforts in getting the town a work order program.

Alderman Louque reported the sinkhole on the corner of E. Main and N Magnolia is getting worse and we need to schedule getting it repaired. He congratulated Alex Gerhold on his appointment to the Planning Commission. He asked the Mayor to contact the owner of the building on E. Main Street with the broken glass to get it repaired.

Alderman Woods received a phone call concerning the survey work on LA 3274/LA 3125. She has received complaints about high grass on S. Sycamore Street and S. Fir Street. She congratulated Alex Gerhold on his appointment to the Planning Commission.

Alderman Wiggins called Mr. Cedric Richmond and congratulated him on his appointment to serve as Senior Advisor to the President. He asked the Mayor to inquire about renaming S. Fir Street to Betty Coleman Street.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno reported that Atmos is installing the new 2" gas line and will be completed soon. He has noticed a problem with school buses and delivery trucks speeding throughout town. He reviewed the 2020 building permit report and the town issued 103 permits, including 7 new residential homes. He was told by the owners of the yellow house on S. Airline there is an interested buyer.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchoux reported the Rise St. James lawsuit is still pending. He is still in communication with the insurance adjuster for the trucking company whose employee knocked down the height sign by the Taylor Express entrance/exit.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Brack, and approved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

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