

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

There were no comments on the above ordinance. A motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Louque. The public hearing was closed and Mayor Nosacka continued with the regular meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, March 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: Police Chief Brent Dicharry, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS - None

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka read a proclamation extending the Town's condolences to the family of former Mayor Anthony Calcagno. During the recent freeze event the water plant was able to maintain operations. There were 40 residential leaks and two town water line leaks. The Town electronic sign had a main processing board break and has now been repaired. Mayor Nosacka has met with the new Waste Management representative and will provide his contact information to the aldermen. The grass cutting contractor has begun cutting grass in the agreed locations. Ponchartrain Levee Board will donate surplus equipment to the town, including two pick up trucks and a tractor.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the manufacturing company will commission the new Dudley Pump Station generator on Wednesday. Scott Poirrier, High Tide Consultants, is drawing up plans for the bulkhead by Dudley Pump Station. St. James Parish will supply the labor to install the culverts for the S. Millet expansion project. Bass Contractors has completed the concrete street repairs.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported that he finished his traffic study on reports of school bus speeding. He found that while they are loud and it sounds like they are speeding, the radars didn't register any excessive speeding.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – No report for this month.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT – No report for this month.

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 discussed expiration dates on building permits.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT – No report for this month.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that Appendix A, Article 10, Section 10-16, Paragraph (b), Town of Gramercy, Code of Ordinances, Building and Building Regulations be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

FEE SCHEDULE

PERMIT TYPE	TOTAL FEE	# OF INSPECTIONS INCLUDED	ADDITIONAL INSPECTION FEES
New Residential	\$0.50/SF	12	\$75
New Residential Accessory w/1 or more walls	\$0.25/SF \$100 Min/\$500 Max	6	\$75
Detached Accessory Structure without Walls < 500 sq. ft.	\$75 Flat fee plus Trade permits	2 plus 2 for any Trade permits	\$75
Detached Accessory Structure without Walls > 500 sq. ft.	\$200 Flat fee plus Trade permits	2 plus 2 for any Trade Permits	\$75
Attached Patio Covers (Aluminum)	\$75	1	\$75
Res. Renovation < \$5000	\$50	1	\$75
Res. Renovation < \$5-10K	\$100	2	\$75
Res. Renovation > \$10,000	\$500	2	\$75
New Commercial	\$0.50/SF \$1,000 Min	25	\$75
New Institutional	\$.050/SF \$1000 Min	25	\$75
Commercial Renovations	\$.050/SF \$1000 Min	12	\$75
Institutional Renovations	\$0.50/SF \$1000 Min	12	\$75
Commercial Storage	\$0.50 SF \$1000 Min	12	\$75
Commercial Parking	\$1.00/500 SF	12	\$75
Trade Permits (Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Gas)	\$150.00	2	\$75
Whole House Generator	\$200 Flat Fee	2	\$75
Mobile Homes	\$150	2	\$75
Change of Occupancy	\$100	2	\$75
Pylon Sign Permits	\$300	2	\$75
Fireworks Stands, Etc.	\$100	2	\$75
Annual Maintenance Permit	\$200	N/A	N/A
In Ground Swimming Pools	\$200	3	\$75
Structure Elevation	\$500	6	\$75
Residential Structure Relocation	\$250 plus Trade Permits	2 plus 2 for each Trade permits	\$75
New Cell Tower	\$4000	6	\$75
Cell Tower Co-locate/Antenna Replace	\$1500	4	\$75
Commercial/Institutional Re-roof	\$500	3	\$75
Commercial/Institutional Generator	\$1000	4	\$75
Commercial Solar Installation	\$500	3	\$75
Signs other than Pylon Signs	\$100	2	\$75
Roof – Residential	\$150	1	N/A
Roof – Single-Wide Mobile Home	\$100	1	N/A
Roof – Detached Accessory Structure	\$50	1	N/A

Said Ordinance having been introduced February 8, 2021, notice of public hearing having been published on February 11, 2021 said public hearing been held on March 8, 2021 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered on motion by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Brack to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held:

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 8th of March, 2021.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 733-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-22, REGULAR MEETINGS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR ROOF REPAIRS ON THE MAINTENANCE SHOP FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, solicited bids for roof repairs on the Maintenance Shop; and,

WHEREAS, Johnny Wells Construction, LLC, 38042 Brown Road, Prairieville LA 70769, 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. Johnny Wells Construction, LLC, 38042 Brown Road, Prairieville LA is hereby deemed to be the lowest qualified bidder for roof repairs on the Maintenance Shop for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, at a cost of \$7,900.00.

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

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Louque, 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 March, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIOR REPAIRS ON THE MAINTENANCE SHOP FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Maintenance Shop interior needs repairs as a result of roof leaks; and,

WHEREAS, a qualified local contractor, Sparkling Touch, LLC, has submitted a proposal to provide these repairs.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby empowered and authorized to sign all documents in connection with a contract with Sparkling Touch, LLC for repairs and renovations to the interior of the Maintenance Shop, to be billed on a time and materials basis, with a maximum contract price of \$10,000.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman _____.

The resolution was declared as failed due to lack of second motion.

A motion was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman _____ to table the resolution until a work scope on the break room repairs are provided by contractor.

The motion failed due to lack of second on motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack thanked the water plant operators of Town of Gramercy, Town of Lutcher and St. James Parish for their work during the freeze event. He asked the mayor to contact Winn Dixie's manager concerning trash from their parking lot that gets blown into the subdivision. There is a pothole at N. Airline and McDonald driveway that needs repair.

Alderman Louque asked that the maintenance crew return to cleaning the ditches along North and South Airline Avenue. Hi inquired about how much more Jim Zeringue has to do to finish cleaning Ferrara Canal. Thanked the Police Department for apprehending a suspect by Valero.

Alderman Woods thanked Mayor Nosacka, Board of Aldermen and town employees who participated in the Black History motorcade. The three banisters that honored Black History Month, Alderman Betty Coleman as the first black elected official and Dr. Ernest Ezidore as the first black doctor in Gramercy were appreciated. She would like to see the Mayor and Board of Aldermen work together to continue to build our community.

Alderman Wiggins stated that S. Airline Avenue needs to have grass cut and a house that needs demolition. He asked Mayor Nosacka to ask Entergy if they could provide more street lighting along LA 3125, the area in front of Winn Dixie is dark.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno thanked Chief Dicharry for his traffic study concerning school bus speeding. Alderman Calcagno has yet to receive a return call from the School Board concerning this issue. He has found another iron pipe draining the cane field into Central Canal which has eroded a huge area. He asked about reimbursement from the fire hydrant incident in August 2020 and was advised that we had received.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchoux reported the Rise St. James lawsuit is still pending. Progressive Insurance has reimbursed the town for damage to the clearance sign by Taylor's Express.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

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