

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
MAY 10, 2021**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6:00 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 -

Mayor Nosacka presented to Mr. Derron Cook, Second Vice President of the NAACP Branch 6007, a Proclamation Commemorating the Juneteenth Celebration of 2021. Mr. Cook made a presentation on the history of Juneteenth.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Steven Nosacka reported that the Annual Clean Up day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 and all participants can meet at the Town Hall at 7:00 am. He has contacted Donavon Duffy, Meyer Engineers Ltd., to evaluate the need for drainage improvements on Ellis St and Hymel Street, this project is estimated to cost \$350,000. Mayor Nosacka asked for a motion to engage Meyers Engineering on this project.

A motion to engage Meyer Engineers, Ltd. for the Ellis Street & Hymel Street Drainage Improvement Project was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack and was unanimously approved.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka stated that Scott Poirrier, High Tide Consultants, has the Dudley Pump Station bulkhead documents completed and we are ready to receive bids. Mr. Poirrier will also analyze the work needed to improve the east side of Central Canal from Second Street to Fourth Street. Parish Councilman Alvin St. Pierre has a workorder in with St. James Parish to shore up the Central Canal bank from 6th Street to LA 3125. Robert Enterprises will begin project on corner of W. Main Street and N. Magnolia Street to improve W. Main Street drainage. Jim Zeringue will begin clearing ditches and culverts in several identified areas.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported that the radar machine continues to be effective in slowing down traffic in town. There has been an increase in wrecks on LA 3125 and LA 3274 areas.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported a blockage by hot water ditch on US 61. Water run-off is causing a drainage issue in Deroche Circle. The water is not draining in either N. Ezidore circles making it impossible for people to get home or children to get off school buses for longer periods than the rest of the town.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that several inoperable vehicles have been removed by property owners.

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 has approved a variance request at 507 N Millet, for the five feet set back requirements pending approval of construction plans by South Central Planning. Mayor Nosacka set a public hearing for June 14, 2021 meeting.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno presented his monthly report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Louque and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

It was moved by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Woods, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council. Mayor Nosacka presented a FY 2021- 2022 capital plan.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack reported the grass by the water tower needs cutting.

Alderman Louque inquired on when the clearance rack by Taylor's will be replaced.

Alderman Woods thanked Alderman Brack for cutting grass on Tulip Street.

Alderman Wiggins reported street light outages on S. Fir Street, S. Mulberry Street and LA 44 by Veterans Memorial Bridge. Electricity outages were reported during the bad weather in April.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his report. Osmose is a company hired by Entergy to inspect the light poles for ensuring the integrity of power grid in the community. A local business has complained about the bushes on Main Street.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux reported he received notice this week that we were successful in defeating the injunction concerning Rise St. James. However, a trial has been set for March 14, 2022. Mr. Fauchaux suggested Mayor Nosacka inform the business owners on Main Street about the Main Street Project Program offered through the State.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack , second by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

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