

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JUNE 14, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING:

RESOLUTION 07-2021 A Resolution approving a special exception of Appendix A Zoning, Article 18, R-1 Residential District, Section 18.4 Area Regulations to allow for the variance of the minimum 5 feet distance requirement

No comments were received on the above resolution. Mayor Nosacka closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked the Clerk to 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 -

Ms. Andrea Hollins with SeLah Productions, a non-profit organization that provides acting, singing and dance classes and is also has a mentoring program for children interested in the arts. They will hold a summer camp for youths interested in the arts from July 6th to July 23rd. If you would like more information concerning their summer camp or how to sponsor a candidate, please visit their website at www.selahproductionsincorp.com.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that during the backwater events a few weeks ago our maintenance crew worked hard to prevent flooding near the back end of N. Airline Avenue. Café Perique' on Main Street has been making improvements to the front of their building and it is a definite improvement. He also was notified by Good Housekeeping store owner that he is in contact with an interested buyer. Mr. Freddie Allen approached Mayor Nosacka about implementing a Main Street program that was originally suggested by town attorney Mr. Bobby Faucheux. There was a fire hydrant leak that resulted in a boil order advisory for the area south of the railroad track; the order was lifted after we received notice from Department of Health that test results were good. There was a small chlorine leak by the water plant. Mayor Nosacka contacted our chemical vendor who brought in a company to safely remove the threat. Mayor Nosacka thanked the Parish EOC for the assistance during this event. We will begin advertising for two maintenance positions beginning with the June 17th edition of the News Examiner. On Saturday, June 19, 2021 there will be a Juneteenth Celebration by New Zion Christian Center on Main Street from 12 noon to 6:00 pm, all are welcome to attend.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

The Ellis Street drainage repair project may need to include swales according to DEQ regulations, our engineers are looking into this requirement. Several repairs are needed on Central Canal between 2nd and 4th Street. Mr. Bobby Faucheux has prepared the Right of Way agreement for S Millet and S Ezidore property owners so the town can dig a swale to help drain the water. There are several asphalt repairs needed in town. Scott Poirrier, Hi-tide Consultants, has received quotes for the bulkhead by Dudley Pump Station. We will advertise bids for the N Airline Pump Station project in July. He has met with Parish officials to schedule work on the S. Millet Improvement project. He is waiting on the results of smoke testing on Tania Street.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported that officers have reported to several accidents last month. He recommends waiving the fireworks ordinance for July 4th holiday.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane season is upon us, please review your insurance coverage and make sure you have your supplies and an evacuation plan in place. You can go to www.getagameplan.org for helpful information.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that if anyone has a code enforcement issue, please contact him and he will speak with the property owner.

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

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – No report for this month.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno presented his monthly report. If you have any questions, please contact him.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 734-2021 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 9.85 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021 ON ALL OF THE TAXABLE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA FOR THE GENERAL SUPPORT AND OPERATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS OF SAID TOWN AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND REDEMPTION OF BONDS FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 735-2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NO. 736-2021 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 07-2021

A Resolution approving a special exception of Appendix A Zoning, Article 18, R-1 Residential District, Section 18.4 Area Regulations to allow for the variance of the minimum 5 feet distance requirement

WHEREAS, Mrs. Patricia F. Stewart has requested a special exception to the zoning ordinance of a certain property located in the corporate limits of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, be changed; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing shall be held on the requested zoning area regulation variance on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that:

SECTION I. A special exception of Appendix A Zoning, Article 18 R-1 Residential District, Section 18.4 Area Regulations is hereby granted allowing for the variance of the minimum 5 feet distance requirement on the following described property.

THAT A CERTAIN PORTION Lot 11, Blk. 19, G.P S/D, 70 x 107, Bd. North by Lot 12, South by Fifth Street, West by Lot 1, East by Millet Ave. North, Improvement, Book 349-791, EN 102225, 507 N Millet.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno 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 14th day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION 08-2021

TOWN OF GRAMERCY

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY FOR THE

COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council have had an agreement for the cooperative collection of the sales and use taxes levied by the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council within the corporate limits of the Town of Gramercy; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has passed Ordinance Number 705-18 which levies an additional one-half of one percent (.5%) sales and use tax effective July 1, 2018 within the Town of Gramercy, State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Gramercy, its merchants, citizens and taxpayers that said agreement is executed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen, that the Mayor Steven Nosacka is hereby authorized and directed to execute a joint agreement between the St. James Parish School Board and the Town of Gramercy for the collection of sales and use taxes for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

A to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Wiggins and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 14th day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2021

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE V, SECTION 50-125 FIREWORKS

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holiday of Fourth of July.

WHEREAS, Police Chief Brent Dicharry, recommends the suspension of Town of Ordinance Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 Fireworks during the Fourth of July Holiday.

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

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Board of Alderman accept the recommendation of Police Chief Brent Dicharry to suspend Chapter 50 Article V Sec 50-125 (Fireworks Prohibited) of the Town of Gramercy Code of ordinances and shall be suspended from 12 Noon until 10:00 pm on Sunday, July 4, 2021.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Brack, 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 14th day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMNT BETWEEN ST. JAMES PARISH AND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY FOR ROAD REPAIR/OVERLAY IN THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to establish a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and the Town for road repair/overlay in the Town of Gramercy; and,

WHEREAS, the Parish will provide the following funding for road repair/overlay in the Town in the amount of \$75,000 in the calendar year 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Town agrees to spend the \$75,000 only for road repair/overlay within the incorporated areas of the Town before December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between St. James Parish and the Town of Gramercy.

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

Section 1. Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. James Parish for the funding of road repair/overlay within the Town of Gramercy.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Calcagno 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 14th day of June, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2021

A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2021 VOTING DISTRICTS REDISTRICTING PLAN

WHEREAS, the South Central Planning and Development Commission ("SCPDC") will prepare, coordinate the enactment, obtain pre-clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice, and assist in the implementation of the 2021 Voting Districts Redistricting ("2021 Redistricting") Plan;

WHEREAS, SCPDC will consult and meet with redistricting committee/Town Council to discuss the nature of the project, to identify problem areas, and to clarify the approaches and policies to be considered during the redistricting process.

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

SECTION 1. South Central Planning and Development Commission and the Town of Gramercy hereby enter into an agreement to coordinate the enactment and obtain pre-clearance from the U.S. Department of Justice, in the implementation of the 2021 Redistricting Plan.

SECTION 2. That, Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized and empowered to sign all documents pertaining to the 2021 Redistricting Plan.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Woods and resulted in the following vote:

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

And the resolution was adopted on this the 14th day of June, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He turned in a revised building permit application for review. The new application makes the permit holder aware of required inspections. He thanked Jim Zeringue for mounting the Town map under plexiglass for the Town Hall lobby. He inquired about Bellsouth ensuring the integrity of the telephone poles. Mayor Nosacka spoke with a representative and they have no plans to do any inspections at this time. We need to remove the raised curbing by Super Ten on Main Street, it is a tripping hazard.

Alderman Wiggins thanked the town maintenance crew for the work on repairing the fire hydrant on S. Elm Street. He Thanked Knob for helping with removing a large piece of plywood in the ditch near the mobile home park.

Alderman Woods reported she received a phone call concerning loud music on S. Mulberry Street. She inquired about a sign being placed in the area.

Alderman Louque thanked the mayor for getting the damaged canopy by Valero station removed before there were any injuries.

Alderman Brack reported a fire hydrant leaking by 308 E. Airline Highway. The sewer lift station near Sonic continues to overflow. Mayor Nosacka stated a new switch panel is on order.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchoux reported that he and Mayor Nosacka will meet with Attorney Scott Thomas concerning the Rise St James lawsuit.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins , second by Alderman Brack, and approved to adjourn at 7:24 pm.

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