

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
MARCH 14, 2022**

PUBLIC HEARING:

To receive public comments regarding a request by Theron Louque, 724 N Millet, for a special exception to the Town of Gramercy Zoning Ordinance and to provide for related matters.

There were no oral or written comments on the request.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, March 14, 2022 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 - None

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka stated that the redistricting ordinance introduction is planned for the April meeting. The sales taxes are recovering mostly due to Winn Dixie's reopening. He attended the "Stop the Violence" Prayer Breakfast last Friday, along with local community & industry leaders. Ag Day at Fast Food Farms is set for April 6, 4022. He as begun to assemble a steering committee for the Main Street Enhancement Program and researching if State assistance is available. Sewer line repairs on N. Ezidore and N. Montz have been completed.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that we are waiting on the contractor's scheduling to begin asphalt street repairs. Scott Poirrier, High Tide Consultants, updated the council on the South Millet widening project and Central Canal shoring project. The RFQ has been issued for the N Ezidore Circle Drain Culvert Project. The contractor is preparing a proposal for lighting replacement on US 61. An engineer completed a site visit for the light project on LA 3125 and will prepare initial submission to the Council. The advertising for Town-owned buildings roof replacements will be in this weeks News Examiner. Engineering is in process for the Dudley Force Main replacement project.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported that there were no incidences in Gramercy during the Mardi Gras parade. The police department will be advertising for a full-time officer.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

There was no report for this month.

C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Alex Gerhold passed out a monthly report on the number of inoperable vehicles in Town. He has begun to notice the owners and will update the board on the progress in coming months.

REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District 1 Parish Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. had no report for this month

3. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Barry LeBlanc reported that the Commission recommends removing the statement concerning renovated mobile homes from our Ordinance. Most individuals cannot provide the required information to allow a renovated mobile home in Town.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno presented his monthly report. If anyone has questions, please contact him.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 737-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT ENTITLED SPECIAL REVENUES ACCOUNT AT FIRST AMERICAN BANK

WHEREAS, the funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, a part of the American Rescue Plan, must be held separately from other funds;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that First American Bank (herein called the "Depository") is hereby designated as a legal depository of money belonging to the Town of Gramercy, and that said money belonging to the Town of Gramercy, shall be deposited in said bank from time to time in the name of said Town, and that monies so deposited may be withdrawn upon a check, draft, note or order of the town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that checks drawn on the bank account of the Town of Gramercy shall require signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are hereby authorized to sign said checks effective March 14, 2022.

Mayor Steven T. Nosacka
Alderman Craig Calcagno
Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

Whose signatures shall be duly certified to said Depository, and that no checks, drafts, or orders drawn against said Depository shall be valid unless so signed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Depository is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks, notes or orders so drawn, whether such checks, drafts notes or orders be payable to the order of any such person signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or any of such persons in their individual capacities or not, and whether such checks, drafts, notes or orders are deposited to the individual credit of the person so signing and/or countersigning said checks, drafts, notes or orders, or to the individual credit of any of the other officers or not. This resolution shall continue in force and said Depository may consider the facts the holders of said officers, respectively, and their signatures to be and continue as set forth in the certificate of the Town Clerk, accompanying a copy of this resolution when delivered to said Depository or in any similar subsequent certificate, until written notice to the contrary is duly served on said Depository.

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 March, 2022.

Alderman Louque recused himself from any discussion or voting on Resolution No. 12-2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2022

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, Mr. Theron Louque 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 March 14, 2022, 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 CERTAIN PORTION at N. 27' of Lot 3, all of lot 4, south 37' of lot 5, Blk. 28, Gramercy Park S/D, Add. 2, 140 x 192, Book 337-392, 724 N Millet, Gramercy, Louisiana.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of March, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CENTRAL CANAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy (the "Town") has identified the need for engineering and project implementation services related to requirements improvements along Central Canal, between 2nd and 4th Streets.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby selects and approves the Proposal from High Tide Consultants, LLC to perform engineering and project implementation services related to the improvements required along Central Canal between 2nd and 4th Streets.

SECTION 2. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute an engineering and project implementation services agreement with the aforementioned engineering firm.

SECTION 3. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Riverlands Surveying Co, LLC, for survey services to support this project.

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 March, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TASK ORDER WITH ROSTAN SOLUTIONS LLC FOR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO COVID-19 GRANT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy will benefit from engaging a qualified grant and program management firm to assist with and manage federal and state grant funding programs and the reporting requirements related to the Town's receipt of Covid-19 related American Rescue Plan Act funding.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the Task Order Number 5 with Rostan Solutions, LLC to perform administrative and consulting services related to American Rescue Plan Act funding.

SECTION 2. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute Task Order Number 5 with Rostan Solutions, LLC and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the Work.

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 of March, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Brack, 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

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 turned in his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that our Mobile Home Ordinance needs updating in several areas. He congratulated Code Enforcement Officer Alex Gerhold on his new position as Code Enforcement Officer. He and Alderman Wiggins continue to survey streetlights and forward any outages to Entergy. He thanked Entergy for their continued efforts in getting the lights repaired in a timely manner.

Alderman Wiggins thanked Alderman Calcagno for his continued help with streetlight surveys. He congratulated Alex Gerhold on his Code Enforcement position.

Alderman Woods stated she received several calls about trees along N. Airline Avenue blocking the view by First American Bank exit. Mayor Nosacka stated they have been removed. She thanked Jim Zeringue for help with demolishing old house in Golden Grove area. The Mardi Gras parade was successful, and all had a nice day.

Alderman Louque congratulated Alex Gerhold on Code Enforcement Officer position. Central Canal needs to be dug to drain standing water. He asked Mayor Nosacka to look into having shrubs or planters on Main Street.

Alderman Brack had no report for this month.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux stated that the settlement conference for Rise St. James lawsuit has been rescheduled for May 2, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack to enter into Executive Session to discuss Rise St. James litigation and passed unanimously. A motion to return to the regular meeting was made by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno and passed unanimously.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 7:32 pm.

/s/Mayor Steven T Nosacka

Attest: /s/Amy St Pierre, Clerk