

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
DECEMBER 12, 2022**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, December 12, 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 - None

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mayor Nosacka presented a Proclamation honoring Gramercy resident John Earl Abreo on his 100th birthday.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka stated that the Sales Tax Revenue has increased by 8% of the past year. The mobile home demolition at 243 S Willow Street is near completion. The demolition payment plan at 1583 Tulip has been approved by the family. The family at 1566 Rose Street is considering demolishing the home themselves instead of going through the town. St. James Parish Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Christmas Parade on December 17, 2022; it will include a couple of vehicles and Santa Claus.

A motion to suspend the agenda was made by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins and passed unanimously

A motion to add a Parade Permit Request from St. James Parish Volunteer Fire Department was made by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno and passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the St. James Parish Volunteer Fire Department parade request waiving the bond and other ordinance notice requirements was made by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno and passed unanimously.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the S. Millet Widening Project is complete. We have received three quotes on our Street Sign request for quotes.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Brent Dicharry reported that the police department continues to monitor and issue citations concerning passing on the shoulder. He will have a meeting with the St. James Sheriff's Office concerning the Christmas Eve bonfire curfew and traffic control. Chief Dicharry thanked Mayor Nosacka and Alderman Woods for their service to the town and the police department.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported he will meet with St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness to discuss plans for Christmas Eve.

B. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officer Alex Gerhold stated he continues to monitor the abandon vehicles in Gramercy.

REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

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

3. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported he is waiting for new parking plan from Danielle Taylor for her new dance studio.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report and if anyone has any questions, please contact him.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 52-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, STEVEN NOSACKA, TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ST JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND THE NEWLY MERGED VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PROTECTION FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH AND ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher, goal is to maintain public safety for their citizens.

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher recognizes the need for fire protection to preserve life and property.

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy may enter into agreements pursuant to Louisiana R.S. 33:1321 *et seq.*,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen, that Mayor Steven Nosacka is hereby authorized to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. James Parish, Town of Litcher, and St. James Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Calcagno, 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 November, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-2022

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holidays of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

WHEREAS, in prior years the Town of Gramercy has provided for the suspension of Town of Ordinances Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) during the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

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 approve the suspension of Chapter 6 Article 1 Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, and enforcement shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24th, 2022 until 06:00 am December 25, 2022 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2022 until 02:00 am January 01, 2023.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack 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 12th day of December, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2022

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

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holidays of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

WHEREAS, in prior years the Town of Gramercy has provided for the suspension of Town of Ordinances Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 (Fireworks) during the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

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 approve the suspension of Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 (Fireworks) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, and enforcement shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24th, 2022 until 06:00 am December 25, 2022 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2022 until 02:00 am January 01, 2023.

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: N	one
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12th day of December, 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT QUOTE FOR STREET SIGN REPLACEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has identified that street signs need to be replaced throughout the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has publicly advertised and solicited quotes from contractors to perform this work.

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 selection of Traffic Solutions Louisiana LLC for installation of new street signs throughout the Town (the "Work"), at the lowest bid price of Twelve Thousand, Nine Hundred, Fifty-Six Dollars (\$12,956.00), with final pricing subject to confirmation of quantities to be provided.

SECTION 2. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Traffic Solutions Louisiana LLC for this Work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the Work.

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 12th day of December, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved and to adopt the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Nosacka asked for approval of bills It was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack thanked Mayor Nosacka and Alderman Woods for their years of service to the Town of Gramercy. He expressed concerns on several items listed on Alderman Calcagno's monthly report.

Alderman Louque thanked Mayor Nosacka and Alderman Woods for their years of service to the Town of Gramercy. He passed on the newly widened S. Millet, and he stated the asphalt felt uneven.

Alderman Woods thanked the citizens of Gramercy, Mayor Nosacka and Board of Aldermen for working with her during her tenure as Alderman with the Town.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He spoke on each item listed in order to provide more clarity about his concerns.

Alderman Wiggins thanked Mayor Nosacka and Alderman Woods for their years of service to the Town of Gramercy. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux reported the court hearing for the demolition of home at 224 S. Airline Avenue has been rescheduled again. He continues to wait for the Attorney General opinion. Louisiana Municipal Association offers safety training programs to municipalities for free.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adjourn at 6:47 pm.

Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

Attest: Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk