

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked that the Clerk to call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty C. Coleman, Alderman Claude Wiggins

There were absent: Alderman Jody Bourgeois, Alderman Rhonda Lee

There were also present: Chief of Police Brent Dicharry, Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Ken Brass, Krewe of MAC, thanked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the continued support of the Krewe of Mac. Mr. Brass reported that the theme of the 2018 Mardi Gras Parade will be Black History Month with special focus on St. James Parish elected officials. There will be a brunch on February 3, 2018 at the PR Building, the annual ball will be held at the Boat Club on Saturday, February 10, 2018 beginning at 9:00 pm, and the parade will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 beginning at 2:00 pm.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka stated that he has mailed another series of letters concerning the Cross Connection Program and the need for backflow preventers to be put in place. The cleaning of drainage canals continues in our area. In January 2018, demolition for house located at 418 E. Railroad will begin.

REPORTS ON ONGOING PROJECTS

Mayor Nosacka reported that he will have the final appraisal for the land needed for E. Railroad Project.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Brent Dicharry stated that he has contacted two wrecker service businesses to assist with abandoned car removal. Both have expressed interest and will begin the process to accommodate any vehicles that may be towed.

Chief Dicharry recommended Mr. Anthony Grandolfo, Jr. to be hired as a fulltime police officer for Gramercy Police Department.

It was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Coleman to accept the recommendation of Chief Dicharry and hire Mr. Anthony Grandolfo, Jr. as a full time officer for Gramercy Police Department.

A vote on the above motion was as follows:

YEAS: Calcagno, Coleman, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bourgeois, Lee
ABSTAIN: None

And the motion was declared adopted on this the 11th day of December, 2017.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux suggested that Mayor and Board of Aldermen encourage residents to wrap or insulate their pipes during a hard freeze instead of dripping their faucets. Reminded everyone that in January 2018 you will need a LA Real ID to travel domestically.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 28-17

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ACT OF SERVITUDE FOR DRAINAGE WITH LOUISIANA SUGAR REFINING LLC FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVMENTS AT GRAMERCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have determined that the maintenance and improvement of stormwater drainage is one the highest priorities in the Town of Gramercy; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the drainage flow and path of stormwater at and near Gramercy Elementary School are necessary; and

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

SECTION 1. Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute an Act of Servitude for Drainage with Louisiana Sugar Refining LLC, on behalf of the Town, which will allow the Town to work cooperatively with the St. James Parish School Board to make drainage improvements at and near the location of Gramercy Elementary School.

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

YEAS: Calcagno, Coleman, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bourgeois, Lee
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of December, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO.29-17

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE 2017-2018 LOUISIANA GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, advertised for bids the 2017-2018 Louisiana Governmental Assistance Program, said advertisement having appeared in the Town's Official Journal; and,

WHEREAS, Gatorphant Industries LLC of Kenwood, Louisiana has submitted the lowest qualified responsible bid for the 2017-2018 Louisiana Governmental Assistance Program.

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

SECTION 1. Gatorphant Industries LLC, of Kentwood, Louisiana, is hereby deemed to be the lowest qualified bidder for the 2017-2018 Louisiana Governmental Assistance Program Project for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana and is awarded a bid price not to exceed Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and No cents (\$39,984.00).

SECTION 2. that the Mayor is hereby empowered and authorized to sign all documents in connection with the contract with Gatorphant Industries LLC, Kentwood, Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Calcagno, Coleman, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bourgeois, Lee
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of December, 2017.

RESOLUTION 30-17

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS AND 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, Police Chief Brent Dicharry, recommends the suspension of Town of Ordinances Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6-1 Open Container and 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 accept the recommendation of Police Chief Brent Dicharry to suspend Chapter 6 Article 1 Section 6-1 (Open Containers) and Chapter 50 Article V Sec 50-125 (Fireworks Prohibited) of the Town of Gramercy Code of ordinances and shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24th, 2017 until 06:00 am December 25, 2017 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2017 until 02:00 am January 01, 2018.

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

YEAS: Calcagno, Coleman, Wiggins
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bourgeois, Lee
ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of December, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that he spoke with Rhonda Myles, Entergy Customer Service Representative, to talk to her about different lighting issues. He wrote several work orders for the maintenance crew and has received several complaints about "red dust" from Noranda.

Alderman Wiggins reported that he received a call from Representative Cedric Richmond concerning assistance with trains blocking the railroad tracks for long periods of time. Thanked Entergy for fixing street lights on River Road. Alderman Wiggins wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Coleman congratulated Mr. Ken Brass on recent election as Representative for our area. Alderman Coleman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to adjourn 7:52 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk