

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JUNE 11, 2018**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 706-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

There were no oral or written comments on the above named ordinance. Mayor Nosacka closed that public hearing and proceeded with regular meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, June 11, 2018, 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 Jody Bourgeois, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty C. Coleman, Alderman Rhonda Lee, Alderman Claude Wiggins

There were absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Pittman expressed concerns about widespread drug activity in Golden Grove Subdivision and the lack of police presence. Also, stated that he was not in favor of the fishing pond proposed by the Gramercy Recreation Department.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Ferrera Canal behind N. Airline residents is in need of cleaning and he will try to concentrate on that area this summer. He met with DRA grant representatives to discuss the replacement of pumps and controls at 4th Street station. The 2017 Consumer Confidence Report will be published in the News Examiner; the town received a good report. Mayor Nosacka thanked LSR for installing a new spray system at the pond to help with odor issues.

2. REPORT ON ON-GOING PROJECTS

Mr. Oscar Boudreaux, Environmental Engineering Services, presented a time line for the E. Railroad Relocation Project.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Brent Dicharry stated that since school is out, he will have extra patrols during the day to curb traffic.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux gave website addresses that help with hurricane preparedness. 511.la.org, getagameplan.org, and ready.gov are websites that give valuable information for the public. He also recommended reviewing your homeowners insurance policy and check into flood insurance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that he continues to work with homeowners with blighted houses.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc stated that he and Mayor Nosacka spoke with someone who is interested in purchasing Dale Abreo's property on US 61 for a RV Park. The interested party is researching the possibility at this time.

GRAMERCY RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Calcagno passed out his monthly report. The pool will be open to the public in the afternoons, aerobics are in the evenings and July is for organizational swim time in the evenings. Concrete slabs have been poured for new water cooler and benches. The parish will go out for bids after baseball season is over for drainage and lighting projects. Mr. Calcagno stated in response to Mr. Pittman's earlier comments that the fishing pond was just an idea for a different activity by Park B; there are no definite plans being made at this time.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 706-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Ordinance No 697-17 dated June 30, 2017 was adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 697-17 is in need of amending;

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

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Revenues for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION II. The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Amended Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Amended Budget of Expenditures reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amount appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Amended Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriations to, and for the contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

SECTION V. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. If any provisions or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby severable.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, May 29, 2018 notice of public hearing having been published on May 31, 2018, said public hearing held on Monday, June 11, 2018 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Wiggins, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of June, 2018.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

Ordinance 707-18 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 12.66 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2018 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.

Mayor Nosacka set a public hearing for August 13, 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 708-18 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

Mayor Nosacka set a public hearing for June 27, 2018.

Ordinance 709-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE III – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS

Mayor Nosacka set a public hearing for June 27, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 15-18

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (MWPP) ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality requires the preparation of an annual MWPP audit report; and

WHEREAS, the MWPP audit report provides information which determines required actions by the Town to maintain compliance and permit requirements;

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have reviewed and hereby approve the Annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report, dated March 30, 2018, for the Town of Gramercy, LA, which is attached to this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The following actions are to be implemented by the Town as necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the LWDPS Permit Number LA0046876:

- a. Provide certified Class II operators for operation and provide sixteen (16) hours of training for each operator during the next year. This training will be conducted by the Town's environmental consultant.
- b. Operate the Pond system as recommended by the Town Engineer and Environmental Consultant and correct deficiencies and minimize permit excursions.
- c. Study and address (within Town budget limits) INI issues in the collection system.
- d. Maintain chlorination system to reduce Coliform levels.
- e. Schedule and maintain annual flow meter calibration.
- f. Contain to monitor non-domestic users and establish final non-domestic program.
- g. Continue Influent monitoring on a monthly basis.
- h. Insure Town laboratory is following all required QA/QC documentation.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of June, 2018.

RESOLUTION 16-18

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, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021

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, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on this, the 11th day of June, 2018.

RESOLUTION 17-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THE RAILROAD AVENUE RELOCATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the east-intersection of E. Railroad Avenue and S. Airline Avenue has been made impassable by the installation by Canadian National Railroad of a safety crossing-arm; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the residents of the Town of Gramercy is of vital importance to this Mayor and Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, UFCW Local 455 has agreed to a Servitude Agreement so that the Town may proceed with the construction of improvements designed to restore two-way traffic at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, utility relocations, engineering services and other investments are required in order to proceed with this construction of improvements;

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes and empowers Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, to execute any and all documents for the specific purpose of acquiring a Servitude from UFCW Local 455, entering into an engineering services agreement with Environmental Engineering Services, Inc.

SECTION 2. The Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes the expenditure of the required funds to provide for this Servitude, this engineering services agreement and the utility relocation expenses necessary for the construction of improvements to commence.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 11th day of June, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Coleman reminded everyone of the Annual Trash Bash on Saturday, June 30, 2018, 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Volunteers are to meet at Gramercy Police Station on E. Main Street.

Alderman Wiggins stated that the ditches on N. Airline and S. Airline need to be cut. The residents on N. Magnolia Street ask that the maintenance crew do not spray the ditch on windy days.

Alderman Lee reminded residents that it is the homeowner's responsibility to dispose of construction debris, not the town. Please watch for children out and about during summer break.

Alderman Bourgeois asked for an update on Mr. Ragas's building. Mayor Nosacka stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Ragas about the town finishing the work and invoicing him for the costs.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Attended a birthday party at Atoms In Motion, Deroche Circle in Gramercy, he stated it was a nice facility and encourages local residents to have their parties there. Central Canal right of way from Airline Hwy to Airline Canal needs cleaning. He asked Mayor Nosacka if we will be hiring summer workers.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT – No report

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Lee and approved to adjourn 8:17 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk