

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
JULY 9, 2018**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, July 9, 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, 1596 Rose Street and 1595 Tulip Street, stated that he has come to many meetings with concerns about the criminal activity and safety of the residents of Golden Grove Subdivision and has been disappointed by the lack of police response.

**REPORTS**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka stated that the payment for the servitude needed for E. Railroad Project is being processed. The remaining DHH Loan funds have been approved for the Water Plant Control System Upgrade. The town will soon take bids for replacement of 50 year old pumps by sewer pond. We have received approval for CWF funds to be used to inspect and clean tanks by water plant. Smoke testing in several areas will be needed to identify infiltration. The wastewater permit for Zapp's Potato Chips is being reviewed by Environmental Engineering Services and Curtis Environmental Services. The Louisiana Municipal Association convention will be held July 31 – August 2, 2018.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS**

**A. CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief of Police Brent Dicharry stated that due to an increase in accidents, he has added patrols in the town and they making more traffic stops. These efforts are working as accidents occurrence has reduced.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Mayor Nosacka reported that he has received quotes for the complete demolition or roof replacement for Thomas Ragas building. It is recommended that the building be demolished.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mayor Nosacka stated that research on the proposed RV Park on Airline Highway continues.

**GRAMERCY RECREATION BOARD**

Mr. Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Baseball season has closed. The swimming pool is open to the public and lap swimming and aerobics take place in the evening. Football season will begin soon; the Jamboree is set for August 25, 2018.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 710-18** AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING ORDINANCE NO. 704-18 AND GRANTING A FRANCHISE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY TO ENTERGY LOUISIANA, L.L.C.

Mayor Nosacka called for a public hearing on August 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 21-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH QA CONSULTANT, LLC,  
FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE TANKS CLEANING AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT  
SERVICES, TO BE REIMBURSED BY ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT WITH FUNDS FROM THE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, in conjunction with and through the St. James Parish Government (the Parish), the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have applied and have been awarded a Grant, which includes the amount of \$35,000 for Town of Gramercy use, from the State of Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Fund (LCWEF) Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has received a Contract for the LCWEF Grant, which specifies terms and conditions for the use of these grant funds and other program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Parish's contracted engineering firm has solicited quotes for the cleaning and condition assessment of the Town's Water Treatment Plant storage tanks, and has recommended the firm of QA Consultant, LLC for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Parish has advised that these services qualify for reimbursement from the proceeds of this LCWEF Grant;

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 to execute the Contract with QA Consultant, LLC for the cleaning and condition assessment of the Water Treatment Plant storage tanks, subject to receiving assurances from the Parish of reimbursement by the Parish for the expenditures required by the Contract.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Lee, 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 the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Bourgeois and approved to dispense with the reading of the June 11, 2018 special meeting minutes and to adopt the minutes as published.

It was moved by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Lee and approved to dispense with the reading of the June 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes and to adopt the minutes as published.

It was moved by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Lee and approved to dispense with the reading of the June 27, 2018 special meeting minutes and to adopt the minutes as published.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Lee had no report

Alderman Bourgeois reported that St. James Parish needs to cut David Canal. Checked on status of sink hole repairs by Dale Brignac. Mayor advised the repairs are completed.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. A sudden 2" rain downpour caused Main Street to flood from the red light to Home Hardware. On Hwy 641 there are 12 sink holes and the roadway is separating from the shoulder from First Street to Highway 3125. A truck with a lo-boy trailer got stuck on the CN railroad crossing; he asked the mayor to look into what signs could be placed at Main Street to prevent another incident.

Alderman Wiggins suggested that the maintenance crew schedule weed spraying when there is no rain chance as to save money on chemicals.

Alderman Coleman thanked the volunteers who participated in the Trash Bash on June 30, 2018; the day was a great success. She also thanked Brent Dicharry, Shane Dicharry, and Grayland Allen for cooking the meal provided for the volunteers. She thanked Cathey Allen for taking pictures of the event; the pictures were available for viewing after the meeting. Mayor Nosacka thanked Alderman Coleman for hosting the trash bash event.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Fauchaux reported that the trial for the Parquette mobile home has been continued and he will let the Mayor and Aldermen know the new court date when he receives notification. The owners have not placed a dumpster by the mobile home as of this date. Chief Dicharry was subpoenaed for a deposition in the case against Dexton Weber. Mr. Fauchaux reviewed the statements concerning this matter and feels Gramercy Police Department acted accordingly.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Lee, second by Alderman Bourgeois approved to adjourn 8:12 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk