

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JANUARY 14, 2019**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 714-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

Shelly Warren, 605 N. Pine Street, requested to see a copy of the amended budget.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Coleman. The mayor closed the public hearing and continued with regular meeting.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

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

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty Coleman, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Mike LeBlanc, Postlethwaite and Netterville, presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Ms. Alicia Butler, 219 S. Elm Street, expressed concerns about E. Railroad Avenue still being closed to through traffic and inquired if the railroad crossing arm can be removed. Ms. Butler stated that the intersection of E. Main Street and S. Millet is a traffic hazard when cars are parked by the stores it is extremely difficult to see oncoming traffic. She asked the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to research solutions to this problem.

Mr. Charles Hymel was not present

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that the latest communication from AT&T on moving their lines on S. Airline is the engineering plans have been turned into the Department of Transportation for approval. The Mayor will move forward with the clean-up and repair of the access way in the rear of Taylor's Express. He will be coming forward with an infrastructure priority list for review for the next year. The Dudley Pump Station bid opening has been moved to February 7, 2019 at 10:00 am. A meeting with the Krewe of MAC will be held on January 25, 2019 at 8:00 am to discuss the upcoming Mardi Gras parade. The monthly report from the Sales Tax office has been provided to show the current amount of taxes being collected.

REPORT ON-GOING PROJECTS

The date to receive bids for the Dudley Station rehabilitation has been postponed until February 7, 2019 due to an addendum by the engineers.

2. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brent Dicharry reported that traffic for Christmas Eve was heavy and he is already working on plans for Christmas Eve 2019 to have town streets open for emergency vehicles. He will be meeting with Sheriff Martin to discuss safety concerns with the upcoming Mardi Gras parade. He advised the Board that his officers will resume code enforcement on abandoned vehicles.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Director Jody Ordeneaux stated that the Mississippi River is expected to crest on January 19-21, 2019. With the upcoming freeze expected, now is the time to take precautions such as wrapping pipes. The citizens of Gramercy should be encouraged to conserve water.

3. REPORTS FROM ST JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District One Councilman St. Pierre reported that the FY budget for the Parish has been approved. The Town will receive \$75,000.00 for road improvements. St. James Parish administration will be coming forth with a proposed drainage sales tax; more information will be provided for the public to understand the need and purpose of this tax. There will be new industry coming to St. James Parish which will provide employment opportunities for qualified parish residents.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that there has been no new communication concerning the proposed RV Park on E. Airline Highway.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. It was suggested to use Pole Barn Construction for the future press box. The master plan may include installation of baseball field lighting and drainage. The Parish School Board is still undecided about using the pool for swim practice. Requested the Parish use dump trucks to haul slag to East parking lot.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 714-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE SALES TAX FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Ordinance No 708-18 dated June 27, 2018 was adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, The Sales Tax Fund budget contained in Ordinance 708-18 must be amended to provide for additional required expenditures for Sewer System Projects,

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 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 of the Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION II. The attached detailed statement of expenditures as reflected in 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 of the Sales Tax Fund for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019

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, December 10, 2019 notice of public hearing having been published on December 20, 2018, said public hearing held on Monday, January 14, 2019 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Brack, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 14th day of January 14, 2019.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 715-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 18 – UNSAFE BUILDINGS, SECTION 18-32 IMPOSITION OF LIEN AND PRIVILEGE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN ATTORNEY AND MAYORS COURT MAGISTRATE FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:386 Paragraph C provides for the appointment of an attorney at law for the municipality; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, has recommended the appointment of Mr. Robert “Bobby” Faucheux, Jr., to the position of Town Attorney and Mayors Court Magistrate for the four year term ending December 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the appointment of Mr. Robert “Bobby” Faucheux, Jr., by Mayor Nosacka to the position of Town Attorney and Mayors Court Magistrate for the four year term ending December 31, 2022, is hereby approved.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Wiggins. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:381 Paragraph A provides that the municipal officers of a municipality shall be, but not limited to a clerk and a tax collector: and,

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:386 Paragraph A provides that the first regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen succeeding each regular election, the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, shall appoint a clerk, tax collector, and all other necessary officers whose election is not provided for in R.S. 33:381; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, has recommended the appointment of Amy O. St. Pierre, to the office of clerk and tax collector for the four year term ending December 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the appointment of Amy O. St. Pierre, by the Mayor Nosacka to the office of Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the four year term ending December 31, 2022, is hereby approved.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Coleman, seconded by Alderman Wiggins. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-19

A RESOLUTION ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:405 Paragraph A. (3) provides that the Board of Aldermen shall select one of the aldermen to be Mayor Pro Tempore; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the mayor, have the same power, and perform all duties of the mayor in the absence or disability of the mayor, except the veto power of the mayor; and,

WHEREAS, the mayor pro tempore has been elected at the beginning of each term of the board of Aldermen; and,

WHEREAS, Alderman Craig Calcagno has been nominated by for the position of mayor pro tempore:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that Alderman Craig Calcagno is hereby elected mayor pro tempore for the four year term ending December 31, 2022.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Coleman. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-19

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING GRAMERCY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, has a Gramercy Planning and Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, members are appointed at the second regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen succeeding each regular election, the mayor, shall appoint four new members and a chairman to the Gramercy Planning and Zoning Commission.

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven T. Nosacka has recommended the appointment of the following commission members:

District One:	Barbara Woods
District Two:	Nadia Poche
District Three:	Barry Leblanc, Chairman and Inspector
At Large:	Ronald Boudreaux
At Large:	Patrick Laiche
Fire Department:	Austin Berthelot

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the appointment of the above members by Mayor Nosacka to the Gramercy Planning and Zoning Commission for the four year term ending December 31, 2022 is hereby approved.

Resolution failed due to lack of motion

RESOLUTION NO. 05-19

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FIRST AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST AS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO SIGN CHECKS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that First American Bank and Trust 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 accounts of the Town of Gramercy shall require signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are hereby authorized to sign said checks:

Mayor Steven T. Nosacka
Alderman Betty C. Coleman
Town Clerk Amy O. 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.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-19

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REGION BANK AS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO SIGN CHECKS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that Regions 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 accounts of the Town of Gramercy shall require signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are hereby authorized to sign said checks:

Mayor Steven T. Nosacka
Alderman Betty C. Coleman
Town Clerk Amy O. 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.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Brack. A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-19

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor requires the preparation of an annual Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government agencies, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance audit report provides information which determines required actions by the Town to maintain compliance set by Louisiana Legislative Auditor;

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 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Agencies, dated December 6, 2018 for the Town of Gramercy, LA, which is attached to this Resolution.

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, Coleman, Louque, Wiggins
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GATORPHANT INDUSTRIES, LLC, FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE INTERIOR OF THE MONTZ AVENUE FIRE STATION, TO BE REIMBURSED WITH GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, 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 specifically for renovations to the Montz Avenue Fire Station, from the State of Louisiana Government Assistance (LGAP) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town has executed a Contract with the State of Louisiana for the LGAP Grant, which specifies terms and conditions for the use of these grant funds and other program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Town has publicly solicited bids for the renovation services, with Gatorphant Industries, LLC determined to be the lowest responsible bidder for these services; 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 to execute the Contract with Gatorphant Industries, LLC for renovations to the interior of the Montz Avenue Fire Station, and to submit the expenditures for reimbursement by the State as required by the Contract.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of January, 2019.

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 Louque, and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Wiggins reported that new stops signs are needed in several areas of town. Blighted properties are still a concern and he encouraged the mayor to continue to identify these properties. He welcomed Alderman Brack and Alderman Louque to the Board.

Alderman Betty Coleman reported that several property owners have pools that are not properly fenced in. She welcomed Alderman Brack and Alderman Louque to the board and looks forward to working with them. She inquired if the mayor had any ideas for use of the repaired N. Montz fire station.

Alderman Louque stated that there are several sinking culverts in Gramercy Park subdivision, Phase II that need repair. He suggested that flexible markers be placed by Rousset's Antiques on E. Main Street to prevent parking on the corner that blocks the view of traffic coming out by S. Millet.

Alderman Darren Brack thanked the voters of District Two for electing him as Alderman. He thanked Jody Bourgeois for his eight years of service to the town. Reported the speed bump in second block of N. Montz needs to be repaired. There is a sink hole by 495 N. Pine Street near the telephone pole that needs to be repaired.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. With the Mississippi River high levels the maintenance crew received permission from the Ponchartrain Levee Board and Corps of Engineers to complete a water line repair; he thanked the Levee Board and Corps of Engineers for their quick response. He has started reviewing the Town's blighted property ordinance and there are several improvements that can be made. The concrete street, 14th Street at Ezidore Canal, has failed in the culvert area. He thanked Clyde for his continued efforts to clean Main Street.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Mr. Robert Fauchaux, Jr. stated that he filed an exception for the town concerning the Nolan Carmouche litigation. The town will go back to 23rd Judicial Court concerning Thomas Ragas in March 2019 and Cleveland Parquette in May 2019. Chief Dicharry has gone through several hours of deposition concerning a case the police department was involved in the summer of 2018; at this time no filing has been made against Gramercy.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack, and approved to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor
/s/ Amy O. St. Pierre, Clerk