

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
MARCH 11, 2019**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 716-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, SECTION 415 APPENDIX A: DOMESTIC SEWER USER FEES

No comments were received on the above ordinance.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack. 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, March 11, 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 - None

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that second notices were mailed out on four properties due for demolition. Mayor Nosacka will review a proposal offered by TJC Group on organizing a CAP Group in Gramercy. The town continues its' effort to clean Main Street; we are currently trimming trees, a community service worker is power washing the sidewalk, and we will re-stripe the parking spaces. South Central Planning & Development Commission has received funds for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Regional Safety Plan and has asked the town to participate; public meetings will be held soon to receive input from residents.

REPORT ON-GOING PROJECTS

The E. Railroad Avenue relocation project is being delayed by the high water level of the Mississippi River. We have received the contract from PEC for the Dudley Pump Station Rehabilitation project and Town Attorney Robert Faucheux is reviewing them. We have received approval of a \$35,000 LGAP grant for the N. Airline Avenue Sewer Pump project and the engineers will begin reviewing the project for a cost estimate.

2. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Brent Dicharry reported that there have been several vehicles broken into in the Lucher area including one in Gramercy. With the combined efforts of Lt. Ordeneaux and St. James Parish Sheriff's Office the suspect has been arrested. Police officers have been stationed in certain high speeding areas in town and several tickets have been issued for speeding. The Louisiana State Law now considers seventeen year olds a minor and any citations issued are to be handled by St. James Parish Juvenile Department.

B. EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS

Director Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that the Mississippi River will crest at 24' in the next few days; however river levels will remain high for possibly three months. St. James Parish is considering a flood surge protection project and this will affect the Town of Gramercy. He encourages the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to ask how the Parish's flood plan will pump out water. We also need to research how new business and residential development will affect our town. He suggests that in order to develop property in Gramercy a drainage impact and traffic impact study should be required from the developer.

3. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that engineer Chuck Fromherz came to the planning commission meeting to discuss a development project in Deroche Circle. The Planning Commission has asked that the building be set back to line up with other businesses. Mr. Fromherz will return next month with revised plans for review.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Amato's has looked into the park's light issues but referred it back to the Parish. A new two court tennis court will be located in the 7-8 years old ballfield. The pool will run in a maintenance/preservation state. The Board is looking into the costs of setting up disc golf stations at the park. The Board is considering placing picnic tables under trees for the soccer season.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE 716-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
CHAPTER 74, SECTION 415 APPENDIX A: DOMESTIC SEWER USER FEES

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Section 415 to revise the Base Rate for Domestic Sewer User Fees for Small Commercial customers.

The following shall be amended for Appendix A for Small Commercial sewer customers and read as:

Small Commercial (as defined in Sec. 74-39 (d))

Base Rate \$25.00 per month

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, February 11, 2019, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, February 21, 2019 and said public meeting held on Monday, March 11, 2019, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Coleman, seconded 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 11th day of March, 2019.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Coleman, second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to suspend the agenda and make a correction on the date of the minutes to February 11, 2019.

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Coleman reported that the culverts are failing on S. Mulberry and the street is beginning to crumble. She spoke with Councilman Steib about parish funding for street repairs.

Alderman Wiggins has received reports of trains blocking the railroad crossing for a long period of time. Several faded street signs need to be replaced; he will provide a list to the Mayor.

Alderman Louque reported that the ditches and culverts on N. Airline Avenue are in need of cleaning.

Alderman Brack inquired about the town's speed bump policy requirements.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. A railroad work crew dropped of sections of track for the area and the foreman stated they would be moving the area spur. The repairs to the track will create a smooth crossing. He also said to call the phone number on the blue sign for emergencies.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Faucheux and Mayor Nosacka appeared in court on March 11, 2019 concerning the Thomas Ragas property on N. Airline Avenue. The judge granted a 30 day extension for Mr. Ragas to remove any items he wants from the property and the town will begin demolition after the 30 day extension is over.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Brack and approved to adjourn at 7:59 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy O. St. Pierre, Clerk