

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
APRIL 14, 2025**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday April 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Gramercy Town Hall:

Mayor Bourgeois called the meeting to order, and asked the clerk to call roll:

There were present: Mayor Steven Bourgeois, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Percy Williams

There were absent: Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Theron Louque

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins , seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting dated March 10, 2025.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Bourgeois asked for approval of payment of bills. A motion was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams and approved to pay all bills and accept financial statements presented before the Council.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux spoke with Mayor Bourgeois concerning a tree that needs to be removed for the Ferrero Canal project. He told Mayor Bourgeois if we had to, we could do an expropriation quick claim. Mayor Bourgeois reported that the tree has been cut down.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Jenkins passed out the monthly department report. Chief Jenkins stated that all tickets written by Gramercy Police Officers have been scheduled for Gramercy Mayor's Court. He thanked St. James Parish for their assistance with the shooting in the mobile home park. Gramercy Police Officers responded to the bomb threat at Lutchter High School. We continue to monitor dump truck activity in Gramercy. He offered his condolences to the family of St. Tammany Parish Sgt. Grant Candies.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - There was no report for this month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT - There was no report for this month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold said the members discussed blighted homes across the tracks. The Brown family has again stated they want to keep trespassers off the family property on E. Spur Street.

ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

St. James Council Todd Poche along with Alderman Craig Calcagno surveyed all drainage canals in Gramercy. They found that several areas need to be cleaned before the hurricane season, and he passed the findings onto Rick Weber for the parish to schedule the work. St. James Parish has agreed to the \$75,000 road grant funds for Town of Gramercy. There is still no response concerning railroad track issues that were reported.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Wiggins received complaints concerning trash coming from LSR parking lot. He spoke to Flo Dumas from Entergy concerning street light outages. He thanked all those who participated in the Parish Trash Bash.

Alderman Calcagno handed out his monthly report. He reported unpermitted work at 545 N Airline Avenue and 1566 Rose Street. He met with Councilman Todd Poche and surveyed the town's drainage canals. Several areas will need to be cleaned, and the information will be turned into Rick Weber for completion. He spoke with State Police Sgt. Pike about the dump trucks in the area. Sgt. Pike stated they were aware of the situation and had contacted the operators at the pit to correct the overload issues. He thanked all the participants who helped with St. James Parish Trash Bash.

Alderman Williams received complaints of speeding on S. Mulberry Street and asked for police to patrol the area. The streetlight at 280 S Mulberry is out. Trash by John Johnson's was cleaned during trash bash event.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois reported that he knows someone who is interested in the part-time Code Enforcement Officer position. He met with representatives from the Levee Board to inspect a skid steer and a couple of pick-up trucks. Ferrero Canal work is progressing. The trailer condemnation resolution on the agenda is so the mobile home park owner can have the trailer removed. He met with the contractor for the levee pump station about using the old sewer pond for pumping, the mayor is looking into a rite of use agreement instead of selling. He placed an order for street signs and speed bumps.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 769-2025 An ordinance Amending Chapter 70, Traffic and Motor Vehicles, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, providing for allowance of Golf Carts and Slow-Moving Vehicles to be permitted by the Town of Gramercy and allowed to be driven on the streets within the Town of Gramercy corporate limit

The public hearing and voting for Ordinance 769-2025 have been rescheduled to May 12, 2025, as a quorum was not present for initial voting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2025 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 February 10, 2025, 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 LWDPSP 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, repair manhole and pipe leak issues in the collection system to reduce number of overflows in 2024.
- d. Maintain chlorination system to reduce Coliform levels.
- e. Schedule and maintain annual flow meter calibration.
- f. Monitor the non-domestic contributor using the new Permit, review user requirements and increase sampling on Pond discharges.
- g. Continue Influent monitoring on a monthly basis.
- h. Ensure Town laboratory is following all required QA/QC documentation.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of April, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2025

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. JAMES PARISH AND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY FOR ROAD REPAIR/OVERLAY IN THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to establish a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Parish and the Town for road repair/overlay in the Town of Gramercy:

WHEREAS, the Parish will provide the following funding for road repair/overlay in the town in the amount of \$75,000 in the calendar year 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the town agrees to spend the \$75,000 only for road repair/overlay within the incorporated areas of the Town of Gramercy before December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this agreement constitutes the entire agreement between St. James Parish and the Town of Gramercy.

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

Section 1. Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. James Parish for the funding of road repair/overlay within the Town of Gramercy.

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

YEAS:	Calcagno, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None
ASBSENT:	Brack, Louque
ABSTAIN:	None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of April, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gramercy, Chapter 18 provides for the repair or demolition of what has been determined to be unsafe structures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined the structures located at multiple locations in the Town to be unsafe; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has accomplished and satisfied all of the Notice requirements in Chapter 18; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-29 (a) requires the determination by the Board of Aldermen that a structure is unreasonable to repair and that demolition is required.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to proceed with demolition and removal of the following structures, subject to compliance with the notice and appeal provisions contained within the Ordinance:

Ava Johnson – 1326 N Millet, Lot D7 – Parcel #0100022780

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of April, 2025.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams and approved to adjourn at 6:23 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor
Attest: /s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk