

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
AUGUST 9, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice Posted: 06/15/21 – 08/09/21 Public Hearing Published: 06/24/21 & 07/01/21

A public hearing will be held as follows:

Date: August 9, 2021 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Council Chambers at 120 N. Montz Street

ORDINANCE NO. 734-2021 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 9.85 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2021 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

No comments were received on the above ordinance. Mayor Nosacka closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Gramercy Town Hall.

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

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

There were absent: None

There were also present: Town Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comment on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS -

Louisiana Representative Clay Schexnayder presented to the Board an update on the legislative session. Several projects have been funded for the Town of Gramercy including the roundabout at LA 3125 & LA 3274, construction for Teche Action Group medical office, Gramercy sewer force main project and the overlay of Hwy 3125 from LA 3213 to La 642. There were also several projects funded in St. James Parish that will be beneficial for the Town of Gramercy and throughout the parish.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported a new business, Prism Nutrition will open in August at Muzu Building on Deroche Circle. A restaurant owner has approached him about a site on LA 3125. The old Good Housekeeping store has a new owner and he is considering opening a restaurant. Mayor Nosacka has started the process of being designated a Main Street Community; the first step is to set up a steering committee for initial application with the State. Mark Anderson, owner of the old cabinet shop on N. Airline, spoke to the mayor about a potential cabinet shop owner locating in his building. Teche Action Group has received \$750,000 in Capital Outlay money to build a new facility in Gramercy. There are several areas in town that continue to have drainage issues during heavy rain events.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka reported that we are moving forward with bid advertisement for the Ellis Street and Hymel Street drainage project. We will move forward with the S. Millet Widening project without replacing the water lines. The engineering for the N Airline Sewer Pump replacement is complete and we should go out for quotes in the near future.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Brent Dicharry was not in attendance at this month's meeting, there is no report for this month.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

We are now in peak hurricane season, please review your insurance coverage and make sure you have your supplies and an evacuation plan in place. You can go to www.getagameplan.org for helpful information.

C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Sgt. Gerhold is continuing to work on the abandoned car list.

3. REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

Mr. Alvin St. Pierre, Jr., St. James Parish District One Councilman, reported that there is funding in the parish 2021 budget for Central Canal work from 2nd Street to 4th Street. He will need any project funding requests in by August 11, 2021 to turn in for the 2022 budget.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc presented a report updating the status of building permits from July 2020 to June 2021. The Commission members suggested a 20% surcharge on building permits that would be refunded once the project is completed and has passed the final inspection.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno presented his monthly report. Mr. Calcagno reported the Splash Pad is now operable.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA THAT:

SECTION I. that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana.

Corporation Tax	5.99 Mills
2013 Water Improvement Tax	3.86 Mills
Total	9.85 Mills

SECTION II. that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. James, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the tax authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

SECTION III. that this ordinance shall be published in the Official Journal according to law, and that this ordinance after first having been reduced to writing, was read and considered section by section at this public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, acting as the governing authority thereof.

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

SECTION V. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provision, 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, June 14, 2021, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, June 24, 2021 and Thursday, July 1, 2021, said public meeting held on Monday, August 9, 2021, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 14-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 43:141 requires that an official journal for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana be selected at the beginning of every fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven T. Nosacka, has recommended that appointment of the NEWS EXAMINER, Lutcher, Louisiana, to be the official journal of the Town of Gramercy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that NEWS EXAMINER, Lutcher, Louisiana, is hereby appointed the official journal of the Town of Gramercy, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as recommended by Mayor Steven T. Nosacka.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Woods

A vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 9th day of August, 2021.

RESOLUTION 15-2021

A resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) of Sales Tax Bonds of the Town of Gramercy, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"); providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds; hiring professionals in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

A motion to defer Resolution 15-2021 for 30 days for further consideration was made by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno. And the motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Calcagno and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack asked for an update on hiring a new mechanic. Mayor Nosacka stated an interview had been schedule for Wednesday.

Alderman Louque asked the mayor to look into drainage problems on E. Second Street and N Montz Street.

Alderman Woods stated that school traffic by Gramercy Elementary needs to be regulated. She also requested that Golden Grove Street be widened to allow better flow of school traffic. She inquired about when the loud music signs will be placed in areas across the railroad tracks.

Alderman Wiggins stated he received complaints about speeding on S. Willow Street. There is a pothole on S. Elm Street that needs repairing. A grass letter needs to be sent to a property owner on Tulip Street. He thanked Mayor Nosacka for the tree trimming by streetlights on S. Elm Street.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Most items concerning drainage issues had been discussed. Several ditches on the south side of the railroad tracks need cleaning.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux reported he is working on a servitude agreement for Sportman's Pond.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack , second by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

/s/Mayor Steven T Nosacka

Attest: /s/Amy St Pierre, Clerk