

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

ORDINANCE 703-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 63, SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, TO REQUIRE GARBAGE CONTAINERS FOR CERTAIN MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

No oral or written comments were received on the above ordinance. Mayor Nosacka closed the public hearing and opened the meeting for regular business.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, February 12, 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.

**PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Jarred Favorite announced his candidacy for St. James Parish District 6 Councilman. Ms. Vondra Etienne-Steib announced her candidacy for St. James Parish District 6 Councilman. Mr. Ken Brass was not present for Krewe of MAC.

**REPORTS**

**1. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Nosacka presented a letter of support for the Gramercy Elementary Gator Gala fundraising event. The Board of Alderman all signed the letter. We received a letter from St. James Parish stating that the Road Program funding for this year will be \$25,000. Mayor Nosacka is waiting for a second quote on the demolition of the second floor of Thomas Ragas building. Blighted homes on E. Railroad and S. Hickory will be demolished when Atmos Energy verifies services have been disconnected.

**2. ONGOING BUSINESS**

Town Attorney Mr. Faucheux has turned in our offer to purchase a portion of land from the Union Hall owners for Railroad Avenue relocation project.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS**

**A. CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief of Police Brent Dicharry presented information on the auxillary officers he would like the Board to consider for Gramercy Police Department. He asked the Board to consider waiving the Open Container law for the Mardi Gras parade beginning at 10:00 am through one hour after the parade has ended in Gramercy. The police department currently has an officer on light duty and he has been identifying homes without house numbers and abandoned cars.

**B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that since the installment of a turn signal at the intersection of LA 3125 and LA 3274, traffic accidents has been significantly lower. Lt. Ordeneaux suggested running an elevation on culverts located between the 400 – 500 block of N. Airline Avenue.

3. **ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT**

District 1 Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. stated that the Cooperative Agreement has been signed and the parish will begin scheduling the cleaning of canals. Several parish representatives went to Washington DC to discuss Levee Protection projects with Louisiana Representatives and Senators and several options will be made available soon. He applauded the good use of social media concerning the naming of a new store located on N. Airline Avenue. Many people suggested names for the store and Bonfire Corner Market is the winning choice. The Parish Council approved approximately \$400,000 for improvements to Park A and B in Gramercy. Mr. St. Pierre received an invitation to meet with Representative Clay Schexandyer on March 1, 2018 to discuss any projects that are needed in St. James Parish; if the Mayor or Board of Alderman have any suggestions, please forward your ideas to him. Sewage leakage on Belinda Street and Tania Street continues, the town needs to look into fixing this problem.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Mr. Barry LeBlanc reported an application for a double wide mobile home was turned into the office. He has been informed that the applicant wants to open a day care in the mobile home. The address is located in an R2 Residential Zone.

**GRAMERCY RECREATION BOARD**

Mr. Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Mr. Calcagno stated that Mr. Ed Johnson has completed the Food Safety Certification as per DHH regulation. The basketball goals in Park B have been reinstalled. The Gramercy Recreation District is looking into the operating costs of the swimming pool and if there is enough attendance to keep it in operation.

**ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION**

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WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 62, Solid Waste, Article I. – In General.

The following shall be added and read as:

**Section 62-3. – Containers required.**

(c) The owner of every multifamily residential development containing four or more housing units shall be required to provide dumpsters for use by the housing residents and contract for solid waste services with a garbage service company. All dumpsters are required to have a lid or cover and must be enclosed in an enclosure with gates and placed on a concrete slab. Dumpster areas must be kept in a clean condition at all times.

Said Ordinance having been introduced Monday, January 8, 2018, notice of public hearing having been published on January 18, 2018 said public hearing been held on Monday, February 12, 2018 the title having been read and the Ordinance considered on motion by Alderman Bourgeois, second by Alderman Calcagno to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held:

YEAS:	Bourgeois, Calcagno, Lee, Wiggins, Coleman
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY TO ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC.

**RESOLUTIONS**

RESOLUTION 03-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PARADE PERMIT FOR THE KREWE OF M.A.C. MARDI GRAS PARADE

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Gramercy, Section 50-40 through 50-49 provides for the issuance of Parade Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Krewe of M.A.C. requests that a Parade Permit be issued for their use in holding a Parade traveling exclusively on Louisiana Highway 641 on Mardi Gras Day, February 13, 2018.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby approve the Permit Application for the Krewe of M.A.C. and Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and issue this Permit Application.

SECTION 2. This approval and issuance is conditioned on the compliance by Krewe of M.A.C. with all of the requirements of the applicable Town Ordinances, and including the providing of evidence of necessary insurance coverage with at least \$1,000,000 in liability limits per occurrence by the Krewe of M.A.C. and listing the Town of Gramercy as an Additional Insured.

SECTION 3. As specified in Section 50-49, the Town reserves the authority to revoke this Parade Permit, at any time up to and including the Parade start time, if the violation of any standard for the issuance of the Permit occurs.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Coleman, seconded by Alderman Wiggins 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

#### RESOLUTION 04-18

##### **A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS**

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holiday of Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.  
WHEREAS, Police Chief Brent Dicharry, recommends the suspension of Town of Ordinances Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6-1 Open Container

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

SECTION 1: The Mayor and Board of Alderman accept the recommendation of Police Chief Brent Dicharry to suspend Chapter 6 Article 1 Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of ordinances and shall be suspended from 12:00 pm until 04:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2018

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Lee 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

#### RESOLUTION 05-18

##### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ACTS OF SERVITUDE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FLOOD PROTECTION LEVEE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have determined that the maintenance and improvement of storm water drainage is one the highest priorities in the Town of Gramercy; and

WHEREAS, improvements to the drainage flow and path of storm water at and near the Town's sewer pond are necessary; 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 and empowered to execute an Acts of Servitude for Way of Levee with New Acadia Development Corporation and also with Joyce Tamplain Bourgeois, Gregory Bourgeois, Keith Bourgeois and Gary Bourgeois, on behalf of the Town, which will allow the Town to work cooperatively with these landowners to construct and maintain a flood protection levee in an effort to better protect the surrounding area in the event of storm water flooding such as experience in the fall of 2016.

SECTION 2. The Board of Alderman do hereby further authorize the construction and maintenance of said flood protection levee.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Bourgeois 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

#### **ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Rhonda Lee reported a sink hole by the catch basin at 225 N. Ezidore. Dirt is blocking the entrance into the catch basin causing drainage issues in the area

Alderman Jody Bourgeois reported that water is seeping through the road on N. Pine Street

Alderman Betty Coleman inquired when the next re-districting of the Parish is due. She is concerned about the area of Gramercy in District 6 is not being represented. She asked Mayor Nosacka the status of the "Keep Gramercy Beautiful" banners. Mayor Nosacka stated he was waiting on art work proof. Alderman Coleman stated that it was time to advertise the upcoming tax election so the public will be informed.

Alderman Clyde Wiggins reported on blighted homes that are a danger to the community. He stated that strangers are staying in some of these dwellings.

Alderman Craig Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated now that we have a list of homes without numbers maybe we could inquire about a small grant to help provide numbers for the residents. The Central Canal crossing is sinking deeper causing the neighboring house to rattle with passing traffic. Main Street has several potholes that need to be filled.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Lee, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to adjourn 8:30 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk