

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
MAY 14, 2018**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, May 14, 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 Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty C. Coleman, Alderman Claude Wiggins

There were absent: Alderman Jody Bourgeois, Alderman Rhonda Lee

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.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS - None

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reminded the Aldermen of the special meeting on May 29, 2018 at 6:00 pm to pass the Sales Tax ordinance. The asbestos abatement is complete by the town hall and the contractors are continuing with the renovations. Mosquito Control handed out a comprehensive report that includes set trap locations, types of mosquitos trapped and spraying mileage. The parish has cleaned the Hot Water Canal and Central Canal. The town has received the annual Consumer Confidence Report and it will be published in the News Examiner. The Entergy franchise agreement is near completion and will be signed soon.

2. REPORT ON ON-GOING PROJECTS

The Town will purchase the 600 square feet of property and servitude for the E. Railroad Project. The railroad company has approved the use of the servitude.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police Brent Dicharry stated that the police officers continue training to better serve the community.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Nosacka reported that he continues to work with homeowners with blighted houses. Youth Build Organization will be coming soon to help with clean up outside area of Thomas Ragas' building.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Barry LeBlanc reported that Sarah Morgan, 1031 N Ezidore Drive has requested a variance of the minimum 5 feet set back requirement. Mayor Nosacka called for a public hearing at the May 29, 2018 special meeting.

GRAMERCY RECREATION BOARD

Mr. Calcagno passed out his monthly report. The Recreation Board will offer organizations reserved pool time. Mr. Meaux was recognized for his 50 years of involvement in the Recreation department. They are researching the idea of a fishing pond in Park B; the State has programs to assist with this project if approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-18

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT ENTITLED
"INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX FUND" AT FIRST AMERICAN BANK

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that First American 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 account of the Town of Gramercy shall require signatures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following are hereby authorized to sign said checks effective May 14, 2018:

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

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno handed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno thanked Rhonda at Entergy for getting two flood lights repaired by Bonfire Corner Market. The board needs to continue educating the public on permit requirements, especially for roofs and generators. An observation was made last Friday of gray water flowing from the drainage culvert into Central Canal. Alderman Calcagno attended the ground breaking of Tender Touch Angels Day Care and the ribbon cutting for Sonic Drive In and Atoms in Motion, good luck to these new businesses and welcome to Gramercy.

Alderman Wiggins reported that Mosquito Control missed a couple streets during their last spraying and the truck was going too fast on a residential street.

Alderman Coleman inquired about the upcoming budget meeting. Mayor Nosacka stated the budget will be introduced at the June 11, 2018 meeting. Alderman Coleman asked what is the qualifying and election dates; Mayor Nosacka stated that qualifying is July 18-20, 2018 and the election is November 6, 2018. Alderman Coleman reminded the Mayor to send out an update on the Railroad Avenue project to the community. The trash bash has been set for Saturday, June 23, 2018. She inquired about a summer work program for college students.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Fauchaux attended court on May 14, 2018 to dissolve the restraining order on the Parquette mobile home. The judge extended the restraining order to July 11, 2018 and ordered the town to give an eight week permit. The attorney for the Union will execute the purchase agreement for the property needed for E. Railroad project.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Coleman and approved to adjourn 8:05 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor

/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk