

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 758-2024** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY SO AS TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AS DEPICTED ON REVISED ZONING MAP FILED AT TOWN HALL

No public comments were received.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Brack and the vote was unanimous.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on February 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm at Gramercy Town Hall.

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

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

There were absent: Alderman Theron Louque

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS**

Mr. Tommy Millet, 504 N Millet, stated his concerns about standing water that saturates the ground around the water tower when water is released and how this could eventually compromise the structure's foundation. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen said they would research an engineer firm to study the integrity of the pad and options to have the water drain away from the tower.

District One Parish Councilman Todd Poche reported he attended a meeting with St. James Parish Operations Director Rick Weber concerning drainage in the town. After the rain event the Parish sent employees to fill larger potholes on LA 3125 and the following week LA DOTD finished filling the rest. Alderman Calcagno asked about the cleaning of canals in swamp area on US Highway 61 to help with town drainage. Mr. Poche will speak with Mr. Weber concerning this issue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Williams and approved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting dated December 11, 2023.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Faucheux stated that the temporary restraining order at 224 S Airline Avenue has expired. The temporary restraining order against Randy Anny is still in effect. He continues to wait for the Attorney General's opinion concerning the police chief's retirement funding.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief Dicharry stated that the Krewe of M.A.C parade will begin at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He recommends the town suspend the open container ordinance as in previous years. Alderman Brack inquired about a crime report for this month. Chief Dicharry stated a couple of homeowners that have homes under construction reported contractor fraud.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Sgt. Alex Gerhold passed out his monthly report. Ten inoperable vehicles have been removed by the property owner. Alderman Brack suggested researching a program that takes old boats either for repair or demolition.

### **REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux reported that the response plans for the recent freeze and rain events went well and there were no major problems. Hurricane season will be here soon, now is the time for residents to review their hurricane preparedness plans and insurance.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold stated that Bryant Lewis asked why the stop signs on N. Montz Street have been removed. Mayor explained that Aldermen Louque asked to have them removed. Gary Waguespack volunteered to serve as Vice-chairman of the Planning Commission. The commission reviewed the property subdivide request from Dean Millet and recommended approval. Their recommendation for the town's mobile home ordinance were in the town hall for review.

### **ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Calcagno passed out his month report. During the recent rain event a resident on Belinda Street had problems flushing their toilets when the street was flooded. He also asked if we know if the new sewer main will eliminate sewer backing up into the street during flooding? He would like to speak with Flo Dumas and Sharonda Jackson from Entergy about the costs associated with upgrading to LED street lighting. We have received numerous complaints about the illegal dumping near the corner of Tulip and Golden Grove Streets; the mayor has spent a lot of time and effort to remediate. Also received complaints of high grass and debris at 1595 Tulip Street. During the recent rain event many blockages were found in ditches, canals, and culverts. This would require manpower and equipment to resolve the issues. He continues to receive complaints about underage drivers on golf carts and asked when we will institute a golf cart ordinance. He researched the need for a crosswalk on Main Street near the red light; because this is a state highway, we would need to bring the request to the DOTD. He thanked the maintenance crew for using proper emergency lighting alerting traffic of work being done in the area.

Alderman Wiggins reported high grass and litter on S. Hickory Street, S. Oak Street and Pecan Street. He turned into Entergy a list of 11 streetlight outages for repair.

Alderman Williams reported that arrow signal light on US 61 is not on long enough to allow more than three or four vehicles through. He received calls from residents asking for more information concerning the boil water advisory issued in January for a water line repair. He reported the "no truck" sign is still down. The owners of the old kitchen building by the church need to be cited to have the building demolished. The sidewalk by the Post Office needs to be repaired. Mayor Bourgeois stated it was a broken culvert underneath the sidewalk causing the problems.

Alderman Brack stated that any issues he had were handled through workorders, Mayor or Maintenance foreman.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bourgeois reported that the force main project will be completed soon. The N. Pine Street and N. Magnolia Street streetlighting issues have been repaired. He met with Scott from High Tide consultants to begin drawing up specs for David and Ferrero Canal repairs. There are resolutions on the agenda for the inspection of the ground storage water tanks and water tower. The town pavilion quotes are in and the resolution to accept a quote is on the agenda. We will advertise bids for Rose Street culverts.

### **ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 758-2024**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY SO AS TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AS DEPICTED ON REVISED ZONING MAP FILED AT TOWN HALL**

- I. REZONE FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL LOTS ALONG TULIP STREET, ROSE STREET, E. SECOND STREET AND E. FIRST STREET, AND TO;
- II. REZONE FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL MOBILE HOME LOTS ALONG E. 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, N. MILLET STREET, N. EZIDORE STREET, AND E. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND TO:
- III. REZONE FROM R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL R-2 ZONED LOTS ALONG W. SECOND STREET, N. PINE STREET AND N. MAGNOLIA STREET.

WHEREAS, the Gramercy Board of Alderman, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, hereby declares that it has adopted a resolution giving notice of intent to adopt the following ordinance hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Gramercy Board of Alderman, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, has conducted a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Gramercy Board of Alderman, on behalf of the Town of Gramercy, that the Zoning Map for the Town of Gramercy be amended to reflect the following:

- I. REZONE FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL LOTS ALONG TULIP STREET, ROSE STREET, E. SECOND STREET AND E. FIRST STREET, AND TO;
- II. REZONE FROM R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL MOBILE HOME LOTS ALONG E.14<sup>TH</sup> STREET, N. MILLET STREET, N. EZIDORE STREET, AND E.13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AND TO:
- III. REZONE FROM R-2 RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO R-1 RESIDENCE DISTRICT ALL R-2 ZONED LOTS ALONG W. SECOND STREET, N. PINE STREET AND N. MAGNOLIA STREET.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, January 8, 2024, notice of a public hearing having been published on January 18, 2024, January 25, 2024 and February 1, 2024 said public hearing been held on February 12, 2024, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 03-2024**

#### **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2024 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the history of African-Americans here in the Town of Gramercy and in our entire nation reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in the struggle to equally share in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty for all people; and,

WHEREAS, our African-American residents have participated in every American effort to secure, protect, and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights; and,

WHEREAS, all our citizens can take every opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people, to develop pride in their own identity and heritage, and to respect and accept the identity and heritage of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, do hereby recognize February 2024 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in our TOWN OF GRAMERCY, and we call our residents to this observance.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024

### **RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024**

#### **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, 2024.

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 J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to sign and issue this Permit Application.



**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A QUOTE FOR GRAMERCY WATER TOWER INSPECTION AND CLEANING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has identified that the water tower needs to be inspected as per Department of Health and Hospitals Sanitary Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has solicited quotes from contractors to perform this work.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Maguire, Inc. for the inspection and cleaning of the water tower for the Town at the quoted price of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Maquire, Inc. for this work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the work.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A QUOTE FOR GRAMERCY NORTH GROUND WATER STORAGE TANK INSPECTION AND CLEANING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has identified that the North Ground Water Storage Tank needs to be inspected as per Department of Health and Hospitals Sanitary Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has solicited quotes from contractors to perform this work.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Maguire, Inc. for the inspection and cleaning of the North Ground Water Storage Tank for the Town at the quoted price of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Maquire, Inc. for this work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the work.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A QUOTE FOR GRAMERCY WEST GROUND WATER STORAGE TANK INSPECTION AND CLEANING**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has identified that the West Ground Water Storage Tank needs to be inspected as per Department of Health and Hospitals Sanitary Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has solicited quotes from contractors to perform this work.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Maguire, Inc. for the inspection and cleaning of the West Ground Water Storage Tank for the Town at the quoted price of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Maquire, Inc. for this work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the work.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT QUOTE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAIN STREET PAVILION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy wishes to construct a public pavilion at 115 E Main Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Gramercy has solicited quotes from contractors to perform this work.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby approves the selection of Roussel Farm Services, LLC for construction of a public pavilion at a price not to exceed Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Roussel Farm Services LLC for this work and to make payment upon satisfactory execution of the work.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2024**

**A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 02-2024 THAT SUSPENDED CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS**

**WHEREAS**, upon the recommendation of law enforcement, the Town of Gramercy shall rescind Resolution 02-2024 passed January 9, 2024, that suspended Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1, Open Containers for Mardi Gras day on February 13, 2024.

**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 law enforcement recommendation to rescind Resolution 02-2024 that suspended Chapter 6 Article 1 Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of ordinances.

SECTION 2: Open Containers restrictions will be in effect for Mardi Gras day on February 13, 2024.

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

YEAS:	
NAYS:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

And the resolution was tabled on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams and approved to adjourn at 7:14 pm.

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