

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
APRIL 17, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 759-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS

Shelly Warren, 605 N Pine Street, asked if someone were renting property then purchased property would they be able to move the mobile home? Mayor Bourgeois stated that it is possible to move the mobile home if the mobile home meets the age requirement in the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 760-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.1, COMPENSATION FOR OFFICIALS, PARAGRAPH (b)

No public comments received on Ordinance 760-2024.

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Brack and approved to close the public hearing.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on April 17, 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 Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Percy Williams

There were absent: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Shelly Warren, 605 N Pine Street, asked why we were paying two Verizon bills. Mayor Bourgeois stated the town had to open a new checking account due to check fraud in the old account.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Tony Arikol, of Professional Engineering Consultants, reported that the sewer force main project is completed as well as the pump station removal at 629 N Airline Avenue. Mr. Arikol recommends approval of the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the project.

A motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Sewer Force Main Project was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Louque, and passed unanimously.

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 11, 2024.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

The court appearance concerning the Temporary Restraining Order against Randy Anny has been extended to July 2024. Alderman Brack asked if Mr. Anny was still considering selling a certain portion of property to the town for \$1.00. Mr. Faucheux stated there has been no further communication concerning this matter.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported the during the rain event he sent extra units to monitor for street flooding and barricades were placed where needed. He will have a police officer with a handheld radar in reported areas of speeding. Alderman Wiggins reported N. Millet around 3:00 pm needs to be monitored. Alderman Louque stated he would like to see two officers on day shift instead of night shift. Chief Dicharry stated that more dangerous crimes happen at night and that is why there are two officers on night shift. Alderman Wiggins asked if all officers could issue code violation citations. Chief Dicharry stated yes, all officers can issue code violation citations.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sgt. Alex Gerhold passed out his monthly report. He has mailed twenty certified letters to owners of inoperable vehicles notifying them of code violations. There have been thirty-one inoperable vehicles removed by property owners to date.

REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – No Report for this month.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold stated the members reported numerous stray cats in town. Gary Waguespack hopes to attend a government sponsored seminar in Thibodaux to review how their city is managing stray cats in their city.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack reported that the culvert project on N. Pine Street is completed.

Alderman Louque stated he would like to have the purchase of a new backhoe in the new fiscal year budget. A letter for tall grass needs to be sent to the property owner of 446 N Montz. He asked when the parish would come back to finish cutting the canal.

Alderman Williams reported a streetlight out on E. First Street and the last light on Golden Grove Street by Tulip Street. Trash is accumulating in the empty lot on Tulip Street again. He received calls reporting that during the recent rain event it took over three hours for water to drain south of the railroad tracks. Mayor Bourgeois said he would have the culverts checked for blockage. He received reports of loud noises from LSR. On S. Airline near old Union Hall, the resident complained that the water from the recent rain event stayed in her yard.

Alderman Wiggins stated that the light on Tulip Street may be a personal security light, therefore the town is not responsible for the repair. He would like to see the Board return its focus to abandoned homes.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his month report. Alderman Calcagno reported that sand from the force main project on Sixth Street has drained from the yard into the street. The streetlight poles at 328 N Ezidore and 106 N Colonial are leaning. He asked if the Planning Commission may have a spreadsheet of blighted properties for review. A letter for tall grass needs to be sent to the property owner of 594 N Pine Street. The grass has been mowed and the dumpster removed from 800 N Airline Ave. He attended a town hall meeting concerning the proposed millage and connector levee information. The Parish will hold a trash bash on Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. He continues to try to contact the property owner concerning the egress issue in Golden Grove Subdivision.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois reported N. Pine Street culvert project is complete. A culvert repair on E. Tenth Street needs to be scheduled. The sidewalk repair at the corner of N. Ezidore is Fifth Street is complete.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 759-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 46.4, MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND MOBILE HOME STANDARDS

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Section 46.4, Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Standards, paragraph (b)

The following shall be amended and read as:

Section 46.4 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Home Standards

- (a) (no change)

- (b) All manufactured homes and mobile homes (“homes”) shall require permit approval prior to being located within the Town limits, and shall meet the following standards:

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, March 11, 2024, notice of a public hearing having been published on March 21, 2024 said public hearing been held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Williams, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 17th day of April 2024

ORDINANCE NO. 760-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.1, COMPENSATION FOR OFFICIALS, PARAGRAPH (b)

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 2.1, Compensation for Officials, Paragraph (b)

Shall be amended to read as the following:

- (a) As used in this section, the term “part-time elected or appointed official” means having full-time employment other than the town. Self-employment will also be taken into consideration in determining part-time or full-time status.
- (b) Monthly compensation for full-time and part-time elected and appointed officials shall be in an amount as established by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from time to time and will be paid on the third Friday of each month, with the exception of the town clerk which shall be paid bi-weekly, and will be as follows:
- Mayor: Up to \$40,000 total annual compensation
 - District Alderman and Alderman at Large: \$950.00 monthly
 - Chief of Police: \$31,200 annually, does not include state provided supplemental pay.
 - Town Clerk: Up to \$67,850 annually
- (c) If a vacancy in an elected or appointed office occurs, the person elected or appointed to fill the unexpired term of the elected or appointed official shall receive compensation equal to the minimum part-time salary for that office, unless stipulated by the Board of Aldermen.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, February 12, 2024, notice of a public hearing having been published on March 21, 2024, said public hearing been held on April 17, 2024, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken, and the following result was held.

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

The ordinance was tabled for the April 17, 2024 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 16-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE PARISH PRESIDENT TO SEEK AND RECEIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DISASTER SUPPORT SERVICES

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy is susceptible to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Town resources may become overwhelmed with response and need additional support services following a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Private resources such as debris removal, debris monitoring, emergency feeding, environmental controls, generators and pumps, heavy equipment, medical oxygen, POD support packages, personal protection equipment, emergency remediation services, sanitary packages, showers, and temporary structures may be needed to assist in response and recovery efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Gramercy Mayor and Board of Aldermen, that the Office of the Parish President, is hereby authorized to advertise and take request for proposals for disaster support services.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno. A voted being taken on the above resolutions, the vote was as follows:

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

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Brack, second by Alderman Williams and approved to adjourn at 6:59 pm.

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