

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JUNE 10, 2024**

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 762-2024 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

No public comments received on Ordinance No. 762-2024

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

REGULAR TOWN MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW PUBLIC HEARING:

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, June 10, 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 Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Percy Williams

There were absent: Alderman Darren Brack

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments were received.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Scott Piorrier, High Tide Consultants, gave an update on the State Roundabout Project at LA 3125 & LA 3274. He has received the initial design plans for the roundabout. He has been working with the Department of Transportation and Development concerning Town utility relocation and the time frame needed to complete this work. The next step would be to do a comprehensive survey and design of the project to turn into Department of Transportation for approval.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux stated that the contract for garbage services during an emergency would be provided by Waste Management as per their contract with the Town. He has asked St. James Parish EOC Director Eric Deroche for revised copies of the emergency service contracts; the town must have individual contracts with the approved vendors. Mr. Fauchaux reported that two property owners with blight issues did not appear in court, and they are now in contempt.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry reported there were shots fired on S. Cherry Street a few nights ago. Gramercy Police Department and St. James Parish Sheriff's Office have investigated the incident, and one suspect is in custody and the second suspect is turning himself into the Sheriff's Office on Tuesday. There were no injuries reported with this incident. Chief Dicharry announced that after 17 years of service he is resigning as Town of Gramercy Police Chief. He thanked all elected officials and staff for their support in growing the police department over the years. He is proud that the Town of Gramercy has been listed 14 years out of 17 in the Top 10 Safest Cities in Louisiana. He gave a special thank you to his officers for their efforts to serve the community and wishes them the best in the future.

He also thanked the citizens of Gramercy for their confidence in him and allowed him to serve as their Police Chief. He is in support of the appointment of David Dufresne as interim Police Chief, and he will work with him during the transition.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux passed out an information sheet showing that over the years the strongest hurricanes took only three days to intensify from a tropical storm to a hurricane. This week he has been attending hurricane preparedness classes. He reminded citizens that if they choose to stay home during a hurricane be prepared to have supplies for seven (7) days, this includes food, water and medication.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sgt. Alex Gerhold passed out his monthly report. He reported that 20 inoperable vehicles have been removed by the property owners and he has issued four summonses for owners to appear in court. He is now focusing on the 1300 block of N. Airline Avenue where there are five properties that combined have 16 inoperable/abandoned vehicles, high grass, junk accumulation and one owner is operating an unlicensed business.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold stated the members met with Mr. Richard Millet to discuss the expansion of his mobile home park at 608 E. Airline. Mr. Millet has stated that he will make improvements to roads, drainage and infrastructure as necessary for the expansion. The Commission voted to approve the expansion upon the improvements to the park area being completed.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Louque stated that he has filed a complaint against Entergy with the Public Commissioner. The light pole at 328 N Ezidore and on E Main Street has not been replaced after several complaints and requests for replacement have been made. He asked if we could spray the very bottom of the drainage ditch on N. Airline after we had cleaned and cut the grass.

Alderman Williams asked Chief Dicharry if officers could patrol S. Mulberry Street; it is a one-way street and throughout the day there are cars going both ways on the street. He has received a complaint about people walking their dogs on the walking track in the park. He remembers at one time there were signs stating that no dogs were allowed by the walking track. He also received complaints of unlicensed children driving four-wheelers in the streets now that school is out. Residents are still having a problem with the white substance from Atalco. There is a pothole in the right of way near the park in Golden Grove subdivision. The railroad tracks along E Railroad Avenue and on LA 3125 are in bad condition. There are a few abandoned homes in Golden Grove subdivision that need to be looked at. On Wednesday, June 19th at Amato Park in Lutchter there will be a Juneteenth Celebration beginning at 4:00 pm. There will be food and refreshments served. He invited all to attend.

Alderman Wiggins asked Chief Dicharry to also patrol S. Fir Street; it is a one-way street and throughout the day there are cars going both ways. He has received complaints about high grass at 229 S. Cherry Street. He thanked Chief Dicharry and his officers for the quick response to the shooting on S. Cherry Street.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his month report. Alderman Calcagno stated that he inquired with Entergy on why we are experiencing so many power surges and failures; they responded that they were by-passing a piece of equipment that needs repair. Entergy keeps rescheduling work requests that he has made. He would like to meet with an Entergy representative who could fully explain the costs involved with upgrading to LED lights in the town. He met a contractor working for Entergy who is working on surveying the light poles and hardware in town. He asked town attorney Bobby Faucheux if there were any updates on a golf ordinance. We need to cite property owners with blight or abandoned vehicles in a timelier manner. Atalco continues to release white particles. He has forwarded to the mayor and board of aldermen a copy of a "Letter to Resident" to address information concerning permits, house numbers, blight, high grass, etc. If anyone has any corrections or suggestions, please let him know. Mr. Faucheux recommends the letter be signed by the mayor and all board members.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois wished Chief Dicharry good luck and success on his new position with St. James Parish Sheriff's Office and thanked him for his 17 years of dedicated service to the citizens of the Town of Gramercy. He has met with representatives from Atalco concerning the continued release issue but was underwhelmed with their lack of response. He received three quotes for grass cutting in the town: Quote #1 For 36 cuts a year \$45,000.00; Quote #2 36 cuts a year \$43,200.00; Quote #3 1 cut per month. This does not include cutting by the sewer pond or tractor work which we will still need to do.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

ORDINANCE NO. 762-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 FOR THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana that:

SECTION I. The attached estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-item budget, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION II. The attached statement of expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, the supporting line-time budget, and such other fiscal exhibits, and information as required by Section 1308(D) Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION III. The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line-item budget containing account object of expenditures classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditures.

SECTION IV. The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefore in the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making appropriation to, and the establishing of a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

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

SECTION VI. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, 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, May 13, 2024 notice of public hearing having been published on May 23, 2024 said public hearing held on Monday, June 10, 2024, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Calcagno, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 10th day of June, 2023.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 763-2024 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 9.65 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2024 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

Public Hearing is set for August 12, 2024.

ORDINANCE NO. 764-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.1, COMPENSATION FOR OFFICIALS, PARAGRAPH (b)

Public Hearing is set for July 8, 2024.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 17-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD AND THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY FOR THE COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAXES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish Council have had an agreement for the cooperative collection of the sales and use taxes levied by St. James Parish School Board and the St. James Parish council within the cooperative limits of the Town of Gramercy; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Gramercy, its merchants, citizens, and taxpayers that said agreement is executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized and directed to execute a joint agreement between the St. James Parish School Board and the Town of Gramercy, for the collection of sales and use taxes for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS MONITORING BETWEEN TETRA TECH AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Tetra Tech for Debris Monitoring; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Tetra Tech; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Tetra Tech and Town of Gramercy.

A vote to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for Environmental Controls; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL BETWEEN DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with DRC for Debris Removal; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected DRC Emergency Services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between DRC Emergency Services and the Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL BETWEEN DRC EMERGENCY SERVICES AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with DRC for Debris Removal; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected DRC Emergency Services; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between DRC Emergency Services and the Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY FEEDING BETWEEN RALPH'S MARKET AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized signing of a contract with Ralph's Market for Emergency Feeding; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Ralph's Market; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Ralph's Market and Town of Gramercy.

A vote to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Williams and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR GENERATORS AND PUMPS BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for Generators and Pumps; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR MATERIAL HANDLING AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for Material Handling and Heavy Equipment; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR POD SUPPORT PACKAGES BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for POD Support Packages; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Lutchter have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for Personal Protective Equipment; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

A vote to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Williams and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT BETWEEN LEMOINE DISASTER RECOVERY AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Lemoine for Emergency Remediation and Abatement; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Lemoine Disaster Recovery; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Lemoine Disaster Recovery and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SANITARY PACKAGES BETWEEN DOODIE CALLS AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Doodie Calls for Sanitary Packages; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Doodie Calls; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Doodie Calls and Town of Gramercy.

A vote to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Williams and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY STRUCTURES BETWEEN GRAND ISLE SHIPYARD AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Grand Isle Shipyard for Temporary Structures; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Grand Isle Shipyard; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Grand Isle Shipyard and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SHOWERS AND BASECAMPS BETWEEN GRAND ISLE SHIPYARD AND ST. JAMES PARISH, TOWN OF GRAMERCY AND TOWN OF LUTCHER AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO SIGN, EXECUTE, AND ADMINISTER SAID AGREEMENT AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen authorized the signing of a contract with Grand Isle Shipyard for Showers and Basecamps; and

WHEREAS, St. James Parish Emergency Preparedness, Operation Department, Town of Gramercy and Town of Litcher have reviewed the Respondents; and,

WHEREAS, Everyone met as a committee and selected Grand Isle Shipyard; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign, execute, and administer a contract between Grand Isle Shipyard and Town of Gramercy.

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

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TOWN OF GRAMERCY UTILITY RELOCATION FOR LA 3125 AT LA 3274 ROUNDABOUT STATE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy (the "Town") has identified the need for engineering and project implementation services related to Town Utility Relocations for State Project No. H.014416 – LA 3125 at LA 3274 Roundabout Project;

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby selects and approves Scott Poirrier, High Tide Consultants, LLC to perform engineering and project implementation services related to the planning and construction required by the LA 3125 at LA 3274 Roundabout State Project;

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute an engineering and project implementation services agreement with the aforementioned engineering firm.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2024

A RESOLUTION AWARDDING TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR FEMA PPDR CATEGORY A DEBRIS REMOVAL

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, advertised for Request for Quotes for the FEMA PPDR Category A Debris Removal;

WHEREAS, St. Pierre Tree Services, LLC, Paulina, LA has submitted the lowest qualified responsible quote for the FEMA PPDR Category A Debris Removal;

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

SECTION 1. St. Pierre Tree Services, LLC, Paulina LA, is hereby deemed to be the lowest qualified bidder for the FEMA PPDR Category A Debris Removal and is awarded a bid price not to exceed Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$33,800.00).

SECTION 2. that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois is hereby empowered and authorized to sign all documents in connection with this contract.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Louque, second by Alderman Wiggins.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2024

A RESOLUTION TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL AN ANTICIPATED VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DATES ON WHICH THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS THEREFORE SHALL BE HELD AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION HEREWITH

WHEREAS, Brent H. Dicharry has submitted his resignation as Police Chief of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, effective June 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 18:602 requires the Governing Authority to issue a Proclamation ordering a special election to fill the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, acting as the governing authority of Town of Gramercy that:

SECTION 1. A special primary and general election shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of District 1 of the Town of Gramercy, Parish of St. James, for the purpose of electing a Police Chief to fill the vacancy in the office.

SECTION 2. The primary election shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and the general election shall be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the times and places and the manner, prescribed by law.

SECTION 3. Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied by a qualifying fee or nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by LA R.S 18:461 et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, during the period commencing Wednesday, July 17, 2024 and ending Friday, July 19, 2024.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Town of Gramercy, Parish of St. James, are hereby authorized, requested, directed, and empowered to exercise every lawful function to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results and to perform all relation and incidental functions.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2024

A RESOLUTION FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM CREATED IN THE OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, Mr. David Dufrense, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Police Chief Brent Dicharry; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. David Dufrense, has offered to serve as Police Chief for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, until the primary election for the said office shall be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and that the general election for said office be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that Mr. David Dufrense is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Police Chief for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana.

A vote to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, and resulted in the following vote:

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

This resolution was declared adopted on the 10th day of June, 2024.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Williams, second by Alderman Louque and approved to adjourn at 7:16 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk