

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the 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 David Dufresne, Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Representative Ken Brass presented several state funded Department of Transportation projects that will affect the State highways in Gramercy. The projects include the overlay of LA 3125 from LA 3213 to 70, the overlay of LA 44 from LA 3274 to LA 642 will begin in February 2025; the overlay of US 61 from St. John Parish line to Ascension Parish line to begin in the Summer 2025 and the Roundabout at LA 3125 & LA 3274 to begin in Spring 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting dated August 12, 2024.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux had no report for this month.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief David Dufresne issued a monthly report on Police Department activities for August 2024. Chief Dufresne said that our new police officer is doing well, and his previous experience has helped with him acclimating to his duties with the police department.

EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS

EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux said that Gramercy will be affected by Hurricane Francine. Preparations have begun in anticipation of a storm. Ten supersacks have been delivered for protection of the sewer station on N. Airline. Also, Mayor Bourgeois and himself have been in meetings with the Parish EOC to coordinate preparation and response for Hurricane Francine.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Assistant Chief Jody Ordeneaux has worked with South Central Planning on advising a new business on permits needed for a new business in Gramercy.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Secretary Gary Waguespack reported that they met with a property owner who recently purchased two lots on Wayne Street and would like to consolidate the property into one so that he may build a home in the center of the property. The Planning Commission members recommend allowing the property consolidation to the Board of Aldermen.

A motion to approve the consolidation of two properties into one on Wayne Street was made by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Calcagno. The motion passed unanimously.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack thanked the maintenance crew, police department and EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux for the efforts to prepare for Hurricane Francine. He asked that a work order be put in for road patch work at N. Magnolia and LA 3125. He asked if there had been any further communication with Charlie Martin concerning his building on Main Street. It has been three years since it was damaged in Hurricane Ida and it's time for something to be done.

Alderman Louque reported that a tree has been removed from Central Canal ditch bank. There has been a rain delay on 10th Street repairs; the project will resume when weather conditions are favorable.

Alderman Williams reported that the speed bumps on S. Plum needs to be replaced. There are potholes on S. Willow and S. Hickory that need repair. He has received complaints about the odor from LSR pond. People are dumping trees and trash on LA 641 past the LSR pond.

Alderman Wiggins thanked Maintenance Supervisor Scott Blank for the work done by 1366 N Airline Avenue. He thanked Representative Ken Brass for his update on state funded projects in Gramercy. He thanked EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux and town employees for their efforts to prepare for Hurricane Francine.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno stated that the town's fence ordinance needs to be updated. While checking Central Canal he noticed gray/black water and contacted Maintenance Supervisor Scott Blank; it was determined that it was a sewer leak from Gramercy Elementary. He noticed people going in and out of the old Family Dollar building and a trailer with construction materials. He reported it to the Mayor and Code Enforcement, and they contacted South Central Planning to investigate since no permit had been granted. A tree from the west bank of Central Canal has been removed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois stated that the Town will begin picking up bulk trash on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays; the change will save time by not having to contend with Waste Management trucks and cans. Aldermen Brack asked if the Parish could help the town with trash pickup and how much would that cost the town? Waste Management plans on having a normal pick-up for Thursday after the storm if conditions allow. The transfer sites in Gramercy and Vacherie will be open and an extra hour on Monday and Tuesday before the storm. He is asking the Board to review the town's current fence ordinance and to have it include servitude restrictions.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2024

A RESOLUTION TO RE-SCHEDULE THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana meet on the second Monday of every month; and,

WHEREAS, in the month of October this meeting falls on Columbus Day,

WHEREAS, in observance of this holiday, the Town of Gramercy will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

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

SECTION I. That the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm

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

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

And the resolution was adopted on this the 9th day of September, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-2024

A RESOLUTION TO RE-SCHEDULE THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Town of Gramercy, Louisiana meet on the second Monday of every month; and,

WHEREAS, in the month of November this meeting falls on Veteran's Day.

