

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, December 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 Dustin Jenkins, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting dated October 16, 2024.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux reported there is a tentative agreement concerning the Randy Anny case. The town's temporary restraining order against Mr. Anny will become permanent and the town will not be allowed on his property. Once the agreements are signed all other issues will be dropped.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Jenkins passed out the monthly department report. He met with Sheriff Louis and Litcher Chief Bowser concerning traffic control for Christmas Eve; barricades will be placed at all subdivision streets in Gramercy at River Road. All Gramercy police officers will be on duty for Christmas Eve.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux had no report for this month.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Assistant Chief Jody Ordeneaux reported receiving a call about the funeral home on E Airline Highway doing work without a permit. He contacted South Central Planning, and they advised entering in a permit for them to investigate.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold stated that there were questions concerning two properties on Rose Street one for a mobile home and one a new construction; he has verified that the permits have been applied for and have been issued by the Town. The commission discussed the need for a demolition permit. There are questions about work being done at 430 N Airline Avenue without a permit.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. The town issued 92 building permits for 2024; most of them were mobile homes through the LA Restore Program. There have been several new ordinances that have been posted in the Advocate; the town could use some of those as guidelines for updates to our ordinances. Mayor Bourgeois, Alderman Louque and himself attended the grand opening of the Parish Pharmacy at the hospital. He thanked Mr. Faucheux for his letter to CN Railroad to address needed repairs. Mr. Faucheux also wrote a letter to the Dollar General headquarters in Tennessee about the continued dumpster and trash problems at the store on Main Street. He thanked the Police Department for their efforts to slow down the dump truck traffic through town. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Wiggins reported a drifter on LA 3125 near Holcim Concrete and asked Chief Jenkins to investigate the matter. A house on S. Plum Street has overgrown grass and trees that need to be removed. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Williams stated he continues to receive complaints about red and white dust released from the alumina plant. He filed a complaint with the Department of Environmental Quality. There is trash by the benches near the church on E. Spur Street. The old End Zone is in terrible condition and needs to be demolished; Mayor Bourgeois stated that in January the town will file a suit against them in the 23rd Judicial District court. The residents asked when the culverts will be placed on Rose Street. Mayor Bourgeois stated he is waiting for additional funding since the costs were higher than expected. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Louque asked if a final notice has been mailed to Charlie Martin for his building on Main Street, Mayor Bourgeois stated that it has been sent. He thanked the police department for their efforts on traffic controls on LA 3125. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Alderman Brack wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois stated that no major projects will be started in December unless it is an emergency. The reimbursement request from Capital Outlay for the sewer force main project has been filed. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Scott Poirrier of High Tide Consultants recommended that board accept the bid received from Talbot Construction in the amount of \$344,723.00 for the Ferrero Canal Project.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 766-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 11, WATER SECTION 74-38 DEPOSITS FOR WATER SERVICE

ORDINANCE NO. 767-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 11, WATER SECTION 74-3 DELINQUENCY PENALTY

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 49-2024

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE V, SECTION 50-125 FIREWORKS

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holidays of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

WHEREAS, in prior years the Town of Gramercy has provided for the suspension of the Town of Gramercy Ordinance Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 (Fireworks) during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

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 approve the suspension of Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 (Fireworks) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, and enforcement shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24, 2024 until 06:00 am December 25, 2024 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2024 until 02:00 am January 1, 2025. Should the annual lighting of the bonfires occur on any day other than December 24th, 2024 then the suspension of Chapter 50, Article V, Section 50-125 (Fireworks) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances shall apply to that date suspended from 04:00 pm on the designated lighting day until 06:00 am the following day.

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, Louque, Wiggins, Williams
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

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

RESOLUTION NO. 50-2024

A RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I, SECTION 6-1 OPEN CONTAINERS

WHEREAS the Town of Gramercy shall celebrate the holidays of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

WHEREAS, in prior years the Town of Gramercy has provided for the suspension of the Town of Gramercy Ordinance Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) during the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

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 approve the suspension of Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, and enforcement shall be suspended from 04:00 pm December 24, 2024 until 06:00 am December 25, 2024 and from 10:00 pm December 31, 2024 until 02:00 am January 1, 2025. Should the annual lighting of the bonfires occur on any day other than December 24th, 2024 then the suspension of Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 6-1 (Open Containers) of the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances shall apply to that date suspended from 04:00 pm on the designated lighting day until 06:00 am the following day.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9TH day of December, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-2024

A RESOLUTUION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR FERRERO CANAL IMPROVEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has identified that that repairs are needed on Ferrero Canal.

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has publicly advertised and solicited proposals from qualified 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 Bryon E. Talbot Contractor, Inc., PO Box 5658, Thibodaux LA 70302, for Ferrero Canal Improvement, at a price of not to exceed Three Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$344,723.50).

SECTION 2. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to execute applicable contract documents with Bryon E. Talbot Contractor, 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 Louque and resulted in the following vote:

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

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

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams and approved to adjourn at 6:32 pm.

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