

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR  
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
TOWN OF GRAMERCY  
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORDINANCE NO. 765-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 11, WATER SECTION 74-39 RATE FORMULA FOR WATER SERVICES**

No comments were received on Ordinance 765-2024

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins and passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Wednesday, November 13, 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 Attorney Robert Fauchaux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Mr. Fauchaux sent a letter to Mr. Gordon at CN Railway thanking him for meeting with town officials concerning track repairs in town. He attended a Community Development seminar hosted by Senator David Cassidy concerning various grants and funding for communities in Louisiana. He advised sending a letter to apply for charging stations at Taylor's and Golden Grove Truck Stop.

**REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief David Dufresne presented this month's police report. He congratulated Dustin Jenkins on being elected as Police Chief and he thanked the council for the opportunity to serve as interim police chief.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux reported on the water line failure from the town's river pump to the water plant has been repaired and the town residents had no significant impacts due to help from Town of Litcher and St. James Parish supplying water to Gramercy.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Assistant Chief Jody Ordeneaux reported that the house on S. Elm Street has begun working on cleaning overgrowth; he will continue to check for progress. A letter needs to be sent to Dollar General corporate office concerning the trash that accumulates in the back of their store on Main Street.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Planning Commission Chairman Alex Gerhold reported Mr. Dean Millet appeared before the commission for approval of subdivision of property on N. Pine Street. It was voted unanimously by the commission to approve the subdivision. Mr. Millet also presented a

subdivision plan for 310 Main Street. The Commission will need a notarized letter from property owners stating Mr. Millet has approval to act on his behalf.

**ALDERMEN'S REPORT**

Alderman Brack stated that the repairs to David Canal have started at Hwy 3125 going South. The town has received bids for work on Ferrero Canal.

Alderman Louque stated that he and Parish Councilman Todd Poche reviewed the drainage clearing work being done by the Parish by Zapp's and Welcome Center. Hot Water Canal hasn't been cleared as of this date.

Alderman Williams received complaints about a red dust release from nearby Alumina plant.

Alderman Wiggins asked that high grass letters be sent to residents on S. Cherry Street, S. Plum Street, and Tulip Street. A pothole needs to be repaired on S. Hickory Street. He thanked all those that attended the annual Veteran's Day Celebration; it was a great success. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderman Calcagno presented his report. AT&T pole replacement on Belinda Street has begun. A sink hole has developed next to the catch basin at 261 N Magnolia Street. The culverts on W. Second Street need cleaning. He thanked the police department for their work on dump truck issues in town. He congratulated newly elected Police Chief Dustin Jenkins, and he looks forward to working with him. Central Canal from E. Second Street to Fourth Street need cleaning. He inquired if there is a Gramercy representative on the connect the levee project; at this time there is not.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Bourgeois reported that he walked David Canal with Alderman Brack and Parish Councilman Todd Poche about needed repairs. He continues to push forward with having our Maintenance crew install auto meters in town. Hymel Street repairs should be completed before the Christmas Holiday. He reminded everyone that on December 7, 2024 there is a school board millage renewal up for vote.

Scott Piorrier of High Tide Consultants stated that he has submitted the Ferrero Canal project application to Facility Planning for review. The state roundabout utility relocation plan has been turned into the Department of Transportation for review and approval.

Dustin Jenkins stated that Parish Clerk of Court Shane LeBlanc will swear him into office as Police Chief on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Gramercy Police Station.

**ORDINANCE – FINAL APPROVAL**

**ORDINANCE NO. 765-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 74, UTILITIES, ARTICLE 11, WATER SECTION 74-39 RATE FORMULA FOR WATER SERVICES**

WHEREAS, An Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 74, Utilities, Article II, Water Section 74-39 Rate Formula for Water Services

The following shall be amended and read as:

Rates Shall be as follows:

**Effective January 1, 2025**

	<i>Residential</i>	<i>Unincorporated Residential</i>	<i>Small Commercial</i>
From 0 to 2,000 gallons	\$22.23	\$26.65	\$32.57
For 2,001 to 10,000 per thousand gallons	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 7.77
For 10,001 gallons or more, per thousand gallons	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 7.77

Rate for large commercial/industrial, per 1, 000 gallons \$ 8.80

Rate for unincorporated industrial shall be:  
 Monthly availability charge \$200.00  
 Usage per 1,000 \$ 8.80

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, notice of a public hearing having been published on October 24, 2024, said public hearing been held on Wednesday, November 13, 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, Louque, Brack

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-2024**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PONCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT AND THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CHRISTMAS BONFIRE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, and the Pontchartrain Levee District desire to enter into an annual Christmas Bonfire program agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, desires once again to comply with the Pontchartrain Levee District Christmas Bonfire program agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, desires to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pertaining to the Christmas Bonfire Program.

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

SECTION 1. Mr. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and sign said Christmas Bonfire Program agreement and the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District, and to pay the Towns' portion of the liability insurance premium in the amount up to \$5,000.00.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, a vote being taken on the above resolution, the vote was as follows:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48.-2024**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROPRIATELY DISPOSE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, it has been determined by the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana (the "Town") that the equipment listed below is no longer of use and for all functional purposes deemed a maintenance burden:

2013 FORD F150 TRUCK

VIN 1FTNF1CF5DKD31449

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

SECTION 1. The Town hereby declares the aforementioned equipment as surplus property; and

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized dispose of the aforementioned equipment by donation, abandonment, or sale to the highest bidder.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Louque, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, second by Alderman Williams and approved to adjourn at 6:38 pm.

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