

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JULY 14, 2025**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, 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 Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Percy Williams.

There were absent: Alderman Craig Calcagno

There were also present: Asst. Chief Jody Ordeneaux, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Account Doreen Lang would like to speak on Resolution No. 15-2025

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adopt the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 9, 2025.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Faucheux stated that Charles Martin has hired an attorney to defend him against the lawsuit the town has filed. Upon his request, he was given a thirty-day extension. Alderman Brack asked what Mr. Martin was required to do in the thirty days. Mr. Faucheux responded that he is to meet the requirements outlined in the South Central Planning analysis report. The lawsuit against the property owners at 303 E Jefferson Highway has been filed. The property owners of 115 N Colonial appeared in Mayor's Court, and they paid the \$125.00 fine that was assessed. They are required to appear in Mayor's Court on July 31, 2025, to show proof that they have made improvements to the house.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Assistant Chief Jody Ordeneaux passed out the monthly report. He stated that there were incidents during the Fourth of July celebration at the park.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Director Jody Ordeneaux stated that the tropical system in the Gulf will be a rain event for the Town.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairman Alex Gerhold reported that it was discussed that the Public Comments section on their agenda was to speak on agenda items only and not for general comments. The board discussed Robert's Rules of Order, specifically on how to be placed on the meeting agenda. The request must be submitted by 4:00 pm on Thursday prior to the scheduled meeting. Questions regarding the roundabout can be directed to the LA DOTD website and searched for under 'My Projects' by parish.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack stated that he received complaints about town workers not cleaning the area where trees were placed for pickup. He asked if anyone knew about the yard signs being placed in town. Shelly Warren responded that it is a non-profit organization asking for donations to obtain hurricane supplies for those in need. The property located at 505 N. Magnolia Street is littered with old furniture and construction debris. Mayor Bourgeois stated that the owners have acknowledged receipt of the certified letter telling them to clean up the property. He would like to have the advertisement signs on utility poles removed since it is against the law to put them there. Mayor Bourgeois said he would have the maintenance crew remove the signs.

Alderman Louque asked when the light pole at 1008 N. Millet Drive would be installed. Mayor Bourgeois said he would call the contractor to schedule the job.

Alderman Williams reported two streetlights out in Golden Grove Subdivision. Letters to property owners with high grass and abandoned homes need to be mailed. Alderman Brack asked if any progress had been made on the removal of the mobile home destroyed by a fire. Mayor Bourgeois has not received any information from the fire marshal concerning this property.

Alderman Wiggins reported that he is in contact with Entergy regularly concerning streetlight outages. The Department of Environmental Quality was investigating the source of odor complaints on July 6th. Trees need to be trimmed on S. Fir and S. Mulberry Streets. He offered his condolences to the Johnson and Zeno families.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois has hired Advanced Treatment Solutions, and they will be sampling and guiding water plant operations through any adjustments needed. He is searching for a new water tower cleaning contractor, since the previous contractor has not shown up for the previous two scheduled dates. The roundabout project has been moved to 2027. He is in contact with South Central Planning concerning DRA grants to help with drainage projects.

A motion to suspend the agenda to add a first reading of an ordinance was made by Alderman Louque, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and unanimously approved.

A motion to add the first reading of Ordinance No. 774-2025 was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Louque, and unanimously approved.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 774-2025 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING 9.65 TOTAL MILL TAX FOR THE YEAR 2025 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

The public hearing is set for August 11, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT BID FOR LA HWY 3125/3274 ROUNDABOUT WATER AND SEWER RELOCATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy has identified that Town water and sewer lines will need to be relocated for the LA Hwy 3125/3274 Roundabout.

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 the water and sewer line relocation for LA HWY 3125/3274 Roundabout project, at a price of not to exceed Eight Hundred Sixteen Thousand Ninety-Three Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$816,093.75).

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 Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Louque and resulted in the following vote:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR THE YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 43:141 requires that an official journal for the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana be selected at the beginning of every fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, has recommended that appointment of the NEWS EXAMINER, Lutchter, Louisiana, to be the official journal of the Town of Gramercy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, that the NEWS EXAMINER, Lutchter, Louisiana, is hereby appointed the official journal of the Town of Gramercy, for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, as recommended by Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 11th day of July, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE PONCHARTRAIN LEVEE DISTRICT PERTAINING TO SURPLUS VEHICLE DONATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, and the Pontchartrain Levee District desire to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, desires to receive the listed five surplus vehicles from the Pontchartrain Levee District:

2009 Ford F-150 Vin #1FTPX14V39FA96397
2011 Ford F-150 Vin #1FTFX1EF5BFB25181
2011 Ford F-150 Vin #1FTFX1CF4BFC21404
2014 Ford F-150 Vin #1FTFX1EF8EFKF39812
Bobcat Skid Steer Loader T-330 Serial #A4GU22012

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

SECTION 1. Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized and empowered to enter and sign said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Pontchartrain Levee District.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 11th day of July, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH ST. JAMES PARISH AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy Government values the impact that businesses bring to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is to establish the distribution of a stimulus payment to holders of valid occupational licenses for the Town of Gramercy in the year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Gramercy Board of Aldermen, that Mayor Steven J. Bourgeois, is hereby authorized to sign and execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. James Parish pursuant to the terms and conditions and for the stated public purposes set forth in the attached agreement.

The above resolution was offered by Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____, and resulted in the following vote:

A motion to table Resolution No. 15-2025 was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack, and resulted in the following vote:

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

The resolution was tabled on the 11th day of July, 2025.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adjourn at 6:53 pm.

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