

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JANUARY 10, 2022**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Gramercy Town Hall.

Mayor Nosacka called the meeting to order, and asked the Clerk to call roll:

There were present: Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins, Alderman Barbara Woods

There were absent: Mayor Steven Nosacka

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

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

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mr. Timothy Pittman, 1595 Tulip Street, Gramercy, LA, questioned being charged for water and sewer when he has not those services since the hurricane. He reported several streetlights in the Golden Grove area have not been repaired since Hurricane Ida. He stated that he doesn't see police patrolling the area. Chief Dicharry reported that the GPS reports show police patrols in the area and Mr. Pittman can schedule a meeting with him to review the reports.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka provided a copy of his monthly report. Mayor Nosacka stated that all were invited to the Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Wreath laying ceremony on Monday, January 17, 2022. Redistricting maps for the Town are available for public viewing in the Council Chambers. He has received calls from business owners on US 61 concerning speeding in the area.

2. REPORT ON-GOING PROJECT

Mayor Nosacka provided a copy of his ongoing projects report. Mayor Nosacka stated that the pumps at the N Airline station are working as designed.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Dicharry stated there were no incidents at the Christmas Eve Bonfire event. There are still problems with school traffic, he will wait for the road expansion project before trying to make any adjustments to current plans.

B. REPORT FROM EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

There was no report for this month.

C. REPORT FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

The family at 1540 E First contacted Mayor Nosacka to approve demolition.

3. REPORTS FROM ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District 1 Parish Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr turned in his report for Parish budgeted items for 2022, District 1. If the Mayor or Aldermen have any questions, please contact him.

4. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION

Planning Commission Barry LeBlanc reported that Shane Roussel is interested in opening a fabrication shop at 229 S David Street.

B. GRAMERCY RECREATION DISTRICT

Mr. Craig Calcagno presented his monthly report. If anyone has questions, please contact him.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 01-2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PARISHWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within St. James Parish and the Town of Gramercy; and

WHEREAS, the St. James Parish Government has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan hereby known as the ST JAMES PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy has participated in the process to prepare a DMA compliant Hazard Mitigation Plan based in the FEMA guidance available in the How to Guides;

WHEREAS, ST JAMES PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021 identifies goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in St. James Parish and the Town of Gramercy from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, Town of Gramercy is participating in the Hazard Mitigation Plan prepared by the St. James Parish Government under the oversight of a Steering Committee comprised of Parish-Wide representatives;

WHEREAS, the Plan has been recommended for adoption by the steering committee;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan is required prior to further consideration for FEMA funding under the following programs: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

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

SECTION 1. The ST JAMES PARISH HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN 2021 is hereby adopted and Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor, is authorized to take all actions necessary for the Town to approve the ST JAMES PARISH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2021.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION 02-2022

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO
THE FEMA HMGP GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy (the "Town") has identified the need for engineering and project implementation services related to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a Request for Qualifications for engineering firms to perform these services.

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby selects and approves the Proposal from Meyers Engineering, Ltd. to perform application, engineering and project implementation services related to projects to be funded from the HMGP revenues received by the Town or allocated to the Town by the St. James Parish Government.

SECTION 2. Steven T. Nosacka, 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 Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Brack, and resulted in the following vote:

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 10th of January, 2022.

RESOLUTION 03-2022

A RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PAYMENT OF NEW CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES

WHEREAS, in response to Hurricane Ida and the substantial damage and loss that our residents and business owners experienced, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, in Resolution 16-2021, temporarily waived the requirement for payment of Permit Fees.

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

SECTION 1. The requirement for payment of Permit Fees, as stated in the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Section 10.5 and Section 10.16 is hereby reinstated for new residential and commercial construction and renovations.

SECTION 2. The waiver of Permit Fees for renovations required due to the damage experienced by Hurricane Ida remains in place.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Resolution will remain in place until the action by the Board of Aldermen to rescind.

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

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

And the resolution was adopted on this the 10th day of January, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Calcagno, second by Alderman Wiggins and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack reported that a large area of concrete at the intersection at N. Pine Street and LA 3125 needs repairs.

Alderman Louque inquired about an update on the building by Dudley Pump Station.

Alderman Woods thanked Mayor Nosacka for use of the fire station for the Toys for Tots event held in December. She inquired about repairs to Rose Street; there are potholes, and the shoulder is eroding leaving a large drop off.

Alderman Calcagno turned in his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno asked when we will return to the culvert cleaning project that was started before Hurricane Ida. The town ordinance requires house numbers to be posted, now would be a good time to let residents know this information. The maintenance shop needs to be cleaned and an asset inventory needs to be completed.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mr. Fauchaux stated that any issued the Board of Aldermen may have questions, please contact the mayor and he will forward your questions to me.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins , second by Alderman Calcagno, and approved to adjourn at 6:46 pm.

/s/Mayor Steven T Nosacka

Attest: /s/Amy St Pierre, Clerk