

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
AUGUST 10, 2026**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, 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: Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Percy Williams

There were absent: Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were also present: Police Chief Dustin Jenkins, Town Attorney Robert Faucheux, Jr., and Town Clerk Amy St. Pierre.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments on any agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

Royce Zerinue, 292 N Pine Street, is complaining about the tall grass and debris at 277 N Magnolia Street. Cats are living in the abandoned debris. He provided pictures and stated that he had complained about this residence in April 2026.

Alderman Clyde Wiggins entered the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Tina Lambert, 292 N Pine Street, is complaining about the safety and care of dogs located at 308 N Magnolia Street. Alderman Brack stated that he never received a call about this property. They asked Chief Jenkins to investigate Ms. Lambert's concerns about the treatment of the dogs.

Tom Watkins, with South Central Planning, provided information on their Condemnation Program. South Central Planning will manage the process of condemnation, including property owner identification, notifications, and filings. The information would be brought before the Board for demolition approval. Alderman Brack asked about the cost to the town. Mr. Watkins replied \$600-\$800 per property.

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 8, 2026.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Bourgeois requested 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

The trial date for the Perique Group lawsuit is set for August 11, 2026.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Jenkins passed out the department's monthly report. There has been an increase in incidents reported in the town. Alderman Brack asked why the State Police were in town. Chief Jenkins stated that the State will spend a day or two in different towns or parishes running traffic stops. Alderman Brack asked why Gramercy PD did not have an officer on duty the day of the shooting on S. Cherry Street. Chief Jenkins replied that it was a scheduling issue. St. James Parish Sheriff's Office assists the Town when a Gramercy PD officer is unavailable.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Gramercy EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux reported a major water leak on August 2, 2026. He extends his thanks to St. James Parish for notifying residents that the water would be shut off until the repair was complete.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Chad Weidert provided a monthly report for the aldermen to review. He has received a large number of tall grass complaints and mailed letters to the property owners. He received an email from Alderman Calcagno to review dumpster requirements in our ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION - There was no report for this month

ST. JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

Parish Council Todd Poche reported that St. James Parish will clean the ditches behind Deroche Mobile Home Park and across US 61 to Blind River. Tractors are in the area to clean Central Canal ditch. They will also clean the culverts from N Millet to Tania Street.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack thanked Representative Ken Brass for meeting with him and the mayor concerning grass cutting along LA Hwy 3125 right of ways. The town had to hire a contractor to cut the grass, and we are asking for reimbursement from the State. They also spoke about the town entering into an agreement with the State to allow us to maintain the grass. He congratulated Theron Louque and Robbie Bland for qualifying for office without opposition. He also thanked those who qualified for the upcoming election and wished them the best of luck. He is happy to see younger people interested in serving their community.

Alderman Louque thanked the Town of Lutchter and Ike Lambert for the help with the water leak on August 2nd.

Alderman Williams received calls concerning the water being cut off on August 2nd. He explained the situation and the residents were satisfied.

Alderman Wiggins received a complaint from a resident about their neighbor's generator noise. The curbing behind Taylor's Express is breaking apart because cars park along the street. Railroad track repairs should begin soon.

Alderman Calcagno handed out his monthly report. The updated town zoning map lists Mobile Lane as R1; however, it should be zoned R2, which allows mobile homes. The water leak on August 2nd is the result of unsupervised work by contractors in our town. He thanked our maintenance crew and water plant operators, Town of Lutchter maintenance supervisor and water plant operators, and C&M Specialty for their assistance with completing the repair. Revisions are needed to our town's ordinance concerning Solid Waste Containers. He congratulated Theron Louque and Robbie Bland for qualifying for office without opposition, and he wished all candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois reported that the E. Railroad culvert project has begun and is being funded with LGAP funds. He thanked Representative Ken Brass for meeting with him and Alderman Brack regarding grass cutting along the LA Hwy 3125 rights-of-way. He has not received a start date for the railroad repairs. He is working on ordering new Town limit signs. He thanked the Town of Lutchter for assistance with the water leak on August 2nd.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COURT COSTS FOR MAYOR'S COURT OF THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy desire to delineate the Court Costs that shall be imposed in Mayor's Court of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple Louisiana State Statutes that authorize the collection and disposition of fees and costs for Municipal Violations.

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

SECTION 1. Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor, is hereby authorized to assess and collect the following fees and costs for Municipal Violations:

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

General Cost for Mayor's Court (RS 33:441(A)	\$30.00
Town of Gramercy Court Cost (RS 33:447.7)	\$23.00
Public Defender's Office Cost (RS 33:441(A)(2))	\$20.00
(of which \$10.00 must be sent to District Public Defender's Office)	
DHH Head Trauma Fund (RS 46:2631)	\$ 5.00
(only applies to DWI, Reckless Operations & Speeding Violations, to be sent to DHH Head Trauma Fund)	
LA Emergency Response Network Fund	\$ 5.00
(Act 194 (2025) and Act 8 (2026)	
(only applies to Drag Racing, Reckless Operations & Speeding Violations, To be sent to LA Dept of Treasury)	
CMIS Fund	\$ 7.00
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
LA Supreme Court Education Fund	\$ 2.50
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
TOTAL FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	up to \$92.50
(of which \$63.00 is retained by the Town)	

MISDEAMEANOR VIOLATIONS

General Cost for Mayor's Court (RS 33:441(A))	\$30.00
Town of Gramercy Court Cost (RS 33:447.7)	\$23.00
Public Defender's Office Cost (RS 33:441(A)(2))	\$20.00
(of which \$10.00 must be sent to District Public Defender's Office)	
Crime Victims Fund	\$ 7.50
(to be sent to LA Commission on Law Enforcement)	
POST Fund	\$ 2.00
(to be sent to LA Commission on Law Enforcement)	
CMIS Fund	\$ 7.00
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
LA Supreme Court Education Fund	\$ 2.50
(to be sent to LA Supreme Court)	
TOTAL FOR MISDEAMEANOR VIOLATIONS	\$92.00
(of which \$63.00 is retained by the Town)	

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Calcagno, 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 the 10th day of August, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 34-2026

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR AUDIT ENGAGEMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor requires the preparation of an annual Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government agencies, and;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Compliance audit report provides information that determines required actions by the Town to maintain compliance set by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor;

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy have reviewed and hereby approve the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagements of Government Agencies, dated August 7, 2026, for the Town of Gramercy, LA, which is attached to this Resolution.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Williams, 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 the 10th day of August, 2026.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Williams, and approved to adjourn at 6:55 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

Attest: /s/ Amy O. St. Pierre, Town Clerk