PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
October 14, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING:

ORDINANCE NO. 784-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF GRAMERCY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 1-13, RATES, CHARGES, DEPOSITS, AND FEES ESTABLISHED TO ASSESS A COLLECTION FEE ON DEBTS REFERRED TO A COLLECTION AGENCY

No comments were received on Ordinance 784-2026.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Calcagno, seconded by Alderman Louque, and unanimously approved.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular session on Wednesday, October 14, 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, Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were absent: None

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

Christopher "Tip" Hymel introduced himself and announced his candidacy for Alderman At Large for the Town of Gramercy.

David Pittman addressed the Board regarding the relocation of their mobile home from 250 S. Plum Street to 214 S. Plum Street. He understood that, once he obtained the signatures required as part of the variance process, he could move the mobile home. He did not realize that the Board of Aldermen was required to approve the variance request or that a mobile home permit was required. Mr. Pittman stated that he was not attempting to circumvent any rules or regulations and that the situation resulted from a misunderstanding. He explained that the mobile home was moved so that he could build a duplex on the property at 250 S. Plum Street. Alderman Brack asked whether the Board members would have voted to approve the variance at the September meeting if the mobile home had not already been moved, and he feels the variance process needs to be followed as per the Ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, 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

Mr. Robert Faucheux stated he received a directive from the LA State Licensing Board for Contractors stating that beginning January 1, 2027, a $10.00 fee must be charged for all building permits issued, and the funds shall be forwarded to the State quarterly. Alderman Louque stated that the permit fees are high enough and is not in favor of adding to the costs of building permits. Mr. Faucheux has spoken with Mayor Bourgeois regarding a resident having had the electrical services disconnected and is using a generator for electricity. The neighbors have complained about the generator noise disturbing the peace in the area. Mr. Faucheux would like the town to explore the idea of adopting an ordinance prohibiting residents from using a generator for electricity when public utility services are available. There have been complaints about the resident at 115 N Colonial having overhanging trees into the neighbor's yard. Mr. Faucheux has spoken with the property owners several times. He has received photos showing the improvements to the home, and they have met the town's requests. However, the trees have not been cut or removed as of today. Code Enforcement Officer Chad Weidert will investigate. Alderman Brack asked for an update on the Charlie Martin property on E Main Street. Mr. Fauchuex responded that no improvements have been made, and it will be addressed at the court appearance on November 9, 2026.

REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief Jenkins passed out the department's monthly report. Chief Jenkins reported an increase in tickets written due to target enforcement. On September 20, 2026, a pedestrian was struck by a CNR train. Gramercy Police Department had units on site, along with Parish Emergency Response teams. He attended the local Night Out Against Crime event on October 6th. He would like to see the Town officials commit to a bigger event for Night Out Against Crime.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - Gramercy EOC Director Jody Ordeneaux handed out a letter regarding setback variances in town. He cited several public safety issues that could be inhibited if the setbacks between properties are compromised. He asked the Board to consider these issues when voting on a setback variance is presented to them.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Chad Weidert provided a monthly report for the aldermen to review. He has closed out several ordinance violations throughout town. The Union Hall area looks good since they cleared out the overgrown trees. Issues with tall grass and debris accumulation continue to be a large problem. Alderman Brack stated we should start fining repeat offenders.

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Brack offered his condolences to Chad Weidert on the passing of his sister. Early voting begins October 20, 2026. He thanked Mayor Bourgeois for working with the Union Hall on getting the area cleaned. The railroad company is waiting on the State for right-of-way approval before track repairs can be made.

Alderman Louque had no report for this month.

Alderman Williams reported tall grass on S. Mulberry Street. He announced that he is running for re-election as District 1 Alderman.

Alderman Wiggins reported tall grass on Tulip Street. There is an abandoned black Mazda on S Willow Street. There was a fire at 1158 N Airline Avenue, and the home was lost.

Alderman Calcagno handed out his monthly report. Alderman Calcagno thanked the St. James Volunteer Fire Department for their response to the house fire at 1158 N Airline Avenue. He also thanked Acadian Ambulance Medics and Town and Parish officers for isolating traffic in the area. The town's maintenance crew has been busy installing new automated meters. He thanked the residents for taking the time to speak with him during his campaign for Alderman-At-Large. He was able to listen to their concerns and answer their questions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Bourgeois stated he will apply for the annual LGAP/CWEF funding. If the aldermen have suggestions for a project, please speak with him. Currently, he has received one quote to complete the Rose Street culvert project. He will seek more quotes for this project. He will contact South Central Planning concerning their Blight program. Restoring or demolishing blighted properties requires the participation of the property owners. A culvert on N Magnolia is sinking and will need to be moved.

ORDINANCE – FINAL ACTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen recognizes that the Town is authorized by state law to contract with a collection agency for the collection of one or more of the following items:

1. Debts and accounts receivable including, but not limited to, unpaid utility fees, penalties, interest and other sums due the municipality, as applicable; or

2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in municipal court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court;

WHEREAS, an Ordinance amending the Town of Gramercy Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1, General Provisions, Section 1-13, Rates, Deposits, and Fees Established

The following shall be added and read as follows:

(c) The Town hereby assesses a collection fee in an amount not to exceed thirty percent (30%) of the delinquent municipal debt when the Town has entered into a contract with a collection company or entity for collection debts and accounts receivables including, but not limited to, unpaid utility fees, penalties, interest, court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases of municipal court in which the accused has failed appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court.

(d) That if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on Monday, September 14, 2026, notice of public hearing having been published on Thursday, October 1, 2026 said public meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, the title having been read and the Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Williams, second by Alderman Wiggins, to adopt the Ordinance, a record was taken and the following result was held.

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

And the ordinance was declared adopted on this 14th day of October, 2026

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM (CWEF) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Gramercy is eligible to participate in applying for and receiving grant funding from the State of Louisiana through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program (CWEF).

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 apply for funding from the LGAP and CWEF programs for 2026-2027.

A motion to adopt the above resolution was made by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno, 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 14TH day of October, 2026.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2026

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, enters into an agreement complying with the 2026 Bonfire Season Guidelines.

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.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on the 14th day of October, 2026.

There being no further business, it was moved by Alderman Brack, seconded by Alderman Wiggins, and approved to adjourn at 7:07 pm.

/s/ Steven J. Bourgeois, Mayor

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