

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF GRAMERCY
JULY 8, 2019**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Gramercy, Louisiana, met in regular, monthly session on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gramercy Town Hall.

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

There were present: Mayor Steven Nosacka, Alderman Darren Brack, Alderman Craig Calcagno, Alderman Betty Coleman, Alderman Theron Louque, Alderman Clyde Wiggins

There were absent:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received on agenda items.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS

Mrs. Yvonne Scott, 756 N. Montz, expressed concerns about speeding on E. Eighth Street. She requested the town put a speed limit sign and the police department patrol the area more often in hopes of slowing down traffic.

REPORTS

1. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nosacka reported that Mary Byrd Perkins Cancer Center will have their annual free cancer screening on July 25, 2019 in the Winn Dixie Parking Lot on LA 3125. Shrubs have been planted on E. Main Street and the next step is to paint the parking stripes. The N. Airline Avenue pump has been replaced and is in operation. KSC has cleaned the track area of debris as per our request. Demolition continues at 239 N. Airline Avenue. The Town's maintenance crew has worked 75,000 without a loss time incident.

REPORT ON-GOING PROJECTS

The pumps for the Dudley Station rehabilitation should be delivered in mid-July. Entergy is upgrading the power supply for the Dudley Pump station and should be finished by end of this month.

2. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS AND DIRECTORS

A. CHIEF OF POLICE

Police Chief Dicharry reported that three suspects have been apprehended in the June murder case. He asked the Sheriff's Office to contact KCS Railroad authorities about not blocking the tracks at peak evening traffic hours.

B. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Lt. Jody Ordeneaux stated he is currently monitoring the low pressure system currently over Georgia. It is expected to enter into the Gulf and become a tropical cyclone.

C. CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Ronald Boudreaux reported that several abandoned cars have been removed by the property owner.

3. REPORTS FROM ST JAMES PARISH GOVERNMENT

District One Councilman Alvin St. Pierre, Jr. reported that Governor Edwards has approved Capital Outlay project for a round-about on LA 3125. The legislature has approved \$8.5 million for drainage capital outlay projects in St. James Parish. The new press box for the park will be completed in August.

WHEREAS, the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) "Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities" Grant Program will make available funding for trade and career education; and,

WHEREAS, on behalf of the Next25 Foundation and the River Region, the South Central Planning and Development Commission is developing and preparing a Grant Application for this DRA's Program; and,

WHEREAS, this Grant Application is being structured to prepare unemployed and underemployed residents for employment in the construction industry, and provide for continuing education so that these employed residents can successfully prepare for careers with these industrial facilities and in the construction industry; and,

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

SECTION I. Town of Gramercy Board hereby fully supports this Delta Regional Authority "Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities" Grant Application on behalf of St. James Parish and the River Region, and pledges the cooperation of the Town in any way necessary to secure this Grant and implement the efforts to be funded by this Grant.

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

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

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 8th day of July, 2019.

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 meetings, and to adopt the minutes as published.

PAYMENT OF BILLS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

ALDERMEN'S REPORT

Alderman Coleman had Mayor Nosacka read "Whose Job Is It Anyway?"

Alderman Wiggins reported several addresses with high grass that letters need to be sent to property owners, the grass needs to be cut near the tracks on S. Airline. There is an abandoned vehicle on N. Ezidore. He welcomed Alderman Coleman back.

Alderman Louque reported that the dimensions for a cross bar by Taylor's Express outlet is 10' X 10'.

Alderman Brack welcomed Alderman Coleman back and continued good wishes for her recovery.

Alderman Calcagno passed out his monthly report. He welcomed Alderman Coleman back. High grass properties and demolition properties should be cleared of old fences, trees and bushes for easy maintenance. There are constant issues with high grass, trash in the yard and abandoned vehicles by Doncost apartments. Our major drainage canals are in need of constant maintenance. All residents who have right of ways should be notified of the required 10ft. area that should be free of any obstruction.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The town has filed for ownership of adjudicated property on E. Railroad Avenue.

There being no further business it was moved by Alderman Wiggins, seconded by Alderman Calcagno and approved to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

/s/ Steven T. Nosacka, Mayor
/s/ Amy St. Pierre, Town Clerk