

MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.
Monthly Meeting
April 6, 2023

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Mayor Alvin Bradley offered the invocation and led the council and others into the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Council members: Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, and Delores W. Smith. Absent: Council members: John Brown, Jr. and DeVaria H. Ponton. A quorum was present. Attorney Ronald F. Lattier was present. It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to adopt the agenda dated April 6, 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council member John Brown, Jr.				X
Council member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council member DeVaria H. Ponton				X
Council member Delores W. Smith	X			

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for March 6, 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council member John Brown, Jr.				X
Council member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council member DeVaria H. Ponton				X
Council member Delores W. Smith	X			

The motion was carried.

Part II.

Public Comments -- The City will announce any public comments received prior to the meeting and will allow five minutes for anyone to call in to make public comments. There were no comments.

- Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., Chief-of-Police, announced that the Press Speaking Event and the Fourth Annual Traffic Safety Diversity Forum will be held at the Grambling Community Center, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Chief Clark stated that Ms. Jennifer Gardner, Radio Dispatcher has resigned.

- Chief Tommy Woods, Consultant Fire Department- was not present.
- Mrs. Mary Gipson, Planning & Zoning Chairperson reported that there will be a Public Hearing April 17, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. at Grambling City Hall, to consider the following:

Application for Re-zoning: Highway 80 South

Parcel: 31183100100
Assessment #: 7371

Tract A: A tr. of land sit. in the SW of NE of Sec. 31-18-2, City of Grambling, Lincoln Parish desc. as: Comm. at a 5/8" rebar found and accepted at the SWC of the SW of NE of Sec. 31-18-3 and the pob. of herein desc. tr.; th. N. 00 deg. 00' 07" W. along the W/L of said SW of NE 443.43' to a t-post found on the Easterly r/w of "Hwy. No. 3005" per State Project No.. 316-04-03 (COB 52-490) and previous survey by Virgil T. Collins, P.L.S., dated 5-17-1985; th. Northerly along the said Easterly r/w of "Hwy. No. 3005.

Mrs. Mary Gipson stated that the **Beautification Committee** will begin trash pickup Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 a.m. until noon and will commence at St Benedict Church.

- Dr. Reginald Owens, President, Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Barbara McIntyre, Treasurer, Greater Grambling Chamber of Commerce gave comments to revitalize the Chamber and establish new partnership with the city.

Part III. Old Business

- Mr. Karl Johnson, American Wastewater Management- was not present.

Part IV New Business

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adopt the following:

Resolution

“WHEREAS, the City of Grambling has been awarded a grant through the Water Sector Program of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and/or the Mayor Pro Tempore of the City of Grambling must have authority to act on behalf of the City, to sign contracts, agreements, and all other documents required by the Water Sector Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor Alvin Bradley and/or Mayor Pro Tempore Delores W. Smith, and Municipal Clerk Pamela Stringfellow must have authority to sign requests for payment and issue checks in payment of invoices, and sign any other forms required by the Water Sector Program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with the requirements of the Water Sector Program, that Mayor Alvin Bradley and/or Mayor Pro Tempore Delores W. Smith are hereby granted authority to sign any and all contracts, agreements, and all other documents required by the Water Sector Program, and that this authority shall be deemed retroactive to include any previously signed Water Sector Program documents; and

FURTHER, that Mayor Alvin Bradley and/or Mayor Pro Tempore Delores W. Smith, and Municipal Clerk Pamela Stringfellow are hereby authorized to sign requests for payment and issue checks in payment of invoices, and sign any other forms required by the Water Sector Program;

FURTHER, that Marjorie Prudhomme is hereby authorized to serve as the Certifying Officer to attest to the signatures of Alvin Bradley, Delores W. Smith, and Pamela Stringfellow as authorized signatories.”

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council member John Brown, Jr.				X
Council member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council member DeVaria H. Ponton				X

Council member Delores W. Smith X

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adopt the following:

MWPP RESOLUTION

Resolved that the City of Grambling informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by City of Grambling Council.

1. Resolved the Municipal Water Pollution Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA0038822.
 - a. Renovate pumping stations for the sewer collection system as required.
 - b. Proceed with funding sources request to implement a program for several upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant, including clarifier renovations, others.
 - c. Continue Environmental Compliance of the LPDES permits.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council member John Brown, Jr.				X
Council member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council member DeVaria H. Ponton				X
Council member Delores W. Smith	X			

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles the approval to hire Mr. Devareo Hill as a Fulltime Police Dispatcher and Ms. Wraelene Renthrope as a Parttime Certified Police Officer.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council member John Brown, Jr.				X
Council member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council member DeVaria H. Ponton				X
Council member Delores W. Smith	X			

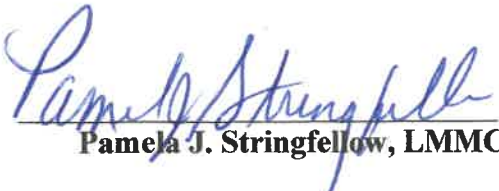
The motion was carried.

Announcements:

- Council member Cathy Giles announced that the Juneteenth Committee will be having it's first Juneteenth Fundraiser, April 29th, at Lincoln Prep School, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight, the cost for a ticket will be \$50.00.
- The mayor introduced Ms. Toni Jackson as the Accountant for the city.
- The mayor announced that Governor John B. Edwards declared April as "***Fair Housing Month.***"

It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adjourn this meeting at 6:40 p.m.


Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor


Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMMC



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