

MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.
Monthly Meeting
May 4, 2023

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Council member Jerry Lewis offered the invocation and led the council and others into the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Council members: John Brown, Jr., Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith. Absent: Council member Cathy H. Giles. A quorum was present. Attorney Ronald F. Lattier was not present. It was moved by Council member John Brown, Jr. and seconded by Council member Delores W. Smith to adopt the agenda dated May 4, 2023, with the removal of the following:

- Approve recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to rezone property on Hwy 80 South (Residential to Multi-Family)
- Dr. Danielle Williams School Board Overview

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 Jerry Lewis to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for 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.

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. Mrs. Deidre Dunbar, secretary for the Juneteenth Committee gave an overview of the upcoming activities for Juneteenth, which will be observed in the city from Sunday, June 11th to Monday, June 19th.

- Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., Chief-of-Police,
- Mr. Tommy Woods, Fire Department Consultant, gave an update of April 2023, service calls. Mr. Woods also thanked the mayor and council for the approval to hire Mr.

Reginald Knighten as a full-time probationary firefighter and Mr. Jaylen Houston as a part-time probationary firefighter.

- Mrs. Mary Gipson stated that the **Beautification Committee** will pick up trash the 4th Saturday of each month, at 7:00 a.m. in the City Park.
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Part III. Old Business:

- There was no old business.

Part IV New Business

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member John Brown, Jr. to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION #070202023-1

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the city of Grambling:

MILLAGE	
Grambling Public Imp	9.13 mills
Grambling Fire Protection	16.97 mills
Grambling Police Department	4.48 mills
Grambling Public Streets	5.30 mills
Grambling Water System	5.00 mills
Grambling General Alimony	6.33 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Council members John Brown, Jr., DeVaria H. Ponton, Jerry Lewis, and Delores W. Smith.

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Council member Cathy H. Giles

The Resolution was adopted.

- Mayor Alvin Bradley presented Mr. Terry Lilly with a Proclamation for Grambling State University's Cheerleaders for becoming the first HBCU team to win the Co-Ed National Championship in Orlando, Florida.

- Mr. Donnie Barker, project engineer with *Mohr & Associates, of Shreveport*, stated that the 107-home subdivision should begin in a few weeks. The Traditions Subdivision will be located on Hwy. 150 just east of Lincoln Preparatory School. The 46-acre Grambling subdivision will be built in two phases; the first phase will be 55 homes.

Announcements:

Council member John Brown, Jr. made the following announcements:

- The National Alliance on Mental health (NAMI) Ruston has been awarded a three-year, \$662,000 contract from the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Behavioral Health to provide peer support programs at three universities.
- The Louisiana Department of Education announced its 2024 Principal of the Year semifinalist. Congratulations to Mr. Gordon Ford (Lincoln Prep) and he will be honored in New Orleans on July 22, 2023.
- Mrs. Daphne Knighten announced that there will be Justice of the Peace court, May 9th, at 1:30 p.m.

It was moved by Council member DeVaria H. Ponton and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to adjourn this meeting at 6:55 p.m.


Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor


Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMMC



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