

MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.
Public Hearing & Monthly Meeting
October 5, 2023

Mayor Alvin Bradley opened the Public Hearing of the City of Grambling on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 5:45 p.m.; the purpose of the public hearing was to get input from the citizens concerning the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 01005023-1

TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF GRAMBLING

A tr. of land contg. 1.922 ac. sit. in Sec. 18-18-3, in the Nec of W/2 of SW of NE. (1082-157) Sec. 18-18-3: Comm. at the Nec of W/2 of SW of NE, Sec. 18, and run th. S. 00 deg. 13' 07 E. along said 20 line 490.04' and to a rr spike at the inters. of said 20 line with the c/l of Garr Rd., (formerly L/P Rd. #136), for st. pt. From st. pt. cont. S. 00 deg. 13' 07 E. along the 20 line 400' and to a 1/2 iron rebar, th. leaving said 20 line, run W. 200' and to a 1/2 iron rebar, th. run N. 350.44' and to a 1/2 iron rebar, th. N. 22 deg. 56' 21 E. 109.74' and to a rr spike set in the c/l of said Garr Rd., th. run S. 71 deg. 41' 53 E. along said c/l 164' and back to pob, contg. 1.922 ac. (1082-157) 729 Garr Road

After the aforementioned information was presented and explained, the hearing was opened up to discussion from the citizens. There were no comments.

The public hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, October 5, 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 present. It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to adopt the agenda dated October 5, 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council member Cathy Holmes

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 dated September 7, 2023, with the necessary correction.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council member Cathy Holmes

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.

- Mr. Cosey Chases- Food Drive for Thanksgiving Fall Festival- was not present.
- Mr. Jamaal Forbs—GSU Intramural Department, invited the community to take advantage of the free attendance to water aerobics, yoga, and an indoor track.
- Mr. Montez Moss- North Louisiana Soldiers, a non-profit service for youth in the community. Mr. Moss thanked the city for their support in the youth football program.
- Dr. Danielle Williams, Lincoln Parish School, District 1 and Mr. David Ferguson- Lincoln Parish School, District 2 gave an update on the issues of the Lincoln Parish School Board.
- Mr. Raschid Young, Louisiana Representative- Elect District 11, thanked the community for their support and he stated that he is looking forward to working with the city.
- Ms. Deidra Dunbar announced that there will be a *Candy for Costumes* event held Monday, October 30, 2023, in the Village of Grambling, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm
- Lieutenant Aundrea Livingston and Corporal D'Corrian M Livingston gave the following report for the Police Department:
 - ❖ Large Tree removal, Monday, October 9th, Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue: roadway will be closed for approximately 30 minutes/ Police will be on site.
 - ❖ Speed Bumps will be restored on Dunbar (Grambling Heights Area) Mr. David Ferguson requested a speed bump on Richmond Drive.
 - ❖ Arrested 6 juveniles Sunday (Stolen property was recovered)
 - ❖ Lock your vehicles & remove valuables.
- Fire Consultant- Mr. Tommy Woods reported that the Mayor, Attorney, and Council are working to resolve the fire protection in BriarHill Estates. The Burn Ban is still in effect in the city. Council member Delores Smith reported that Baton Rouge Fire Department is still committed to donating a fire truck to the city.
- Ms. Cathy Judd, LSU AgCenter encouraged the citizens to use the donated exercise equipment in the City Park.

Part III. Old Business

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis. to adopt the following:

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Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Jerry Lewis, and Delores W. Smith.

Nay: None

Abstain: Council member DeVaria H. Ponton

Absent: Council member Cathy H. Giles

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member John Brown to accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Committee for the Blighted Property at the following:
 - ❖ Minnie J. Companies, Inc—252 Main Street
 - ❖ Daisy Banks/co Elaine Smith- 114 Brown Street
 - ❖ Dana Capers- 196 & 186 Wayside, 341 Pine Tree, 117 & 123 Murline

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

ORDINANCE NO. 01102023-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING INCREASING WATER RATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH BOND REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER OPERATIONAL NECESSITIES.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Council member Cathy H. Giles

The motion was carried.

The Public Hearing will be held Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held on the Ordinance and the Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of the Mayor and the Council held at 6:00 p.m., on November 2, 2023, Council Chambers/ Courtroom, City Hall, 127 King Street, Grambling, Louisiana.

Announcements:

- Mrs. Barbara McIntyre reminded the citizens of the Greater Grambling Chamber Banquet, Thursday, October 19th, at Ruston Civic Center.
- Mrs. Mary Gipson announced Litter Pickup, Saturday, October 21 at 7: 00 am in the City Park. Mrs. Gipson wants the committee to light up for the Christmas Holiday season.

- Mayor Bradley reminded the citizens to make sure they are registered with CivicReady.

It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member John Brown, Jr. to adjourn this meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor



Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMMC



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