

MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.
Public Hearing & Monthly Meeting
December 7, 2023

Mayor Alvin Bradley opened the Public Hearing of the City of Grambling on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 5:45 p.m.; the purpose of the public hearing was to get input from the citizens concerning the following:

Ordinance No. #01207023-1

An Ordinance Providing the Date, Time, and Place of Regular Meetings of The Board of Council Members of the City of Grambling, Louisiana, for Calendar Year 2024.

Ordinance No. #01207023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAMBLING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Ordinance No. #01207023-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAMBLING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

After the aforementioned information was presented and explained, the hearing was opened 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, December 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Minister Jeffery Anderson offered the invocation and led the council and others into the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Council members: John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith. Absent: None 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 Cathy H. Giles to adopt the agenda dated December 7, 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated November 2, 2023 and the Special Called Minutes dated November 15, 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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. Keith Kelly would like the citizens of Grambling to vote for the person selected as the Chief-of-Police instead of it being an appointed position. Mr. Martess Moss gave an update on the Little Football League. Mr. Gary Richmond has also begun a Track League.

The Mayor and Council presented a plaque to the following for their Service:

- ❖ Mrs. Hazel Hunter-Lincoln Parish Police Jury-District #2
- ❖ Mrs. Theresa Wyatt- Lincoln Parish Police Jury- District #1
- ❖ President Rick Gallot- Grambling State University (Mr. Adarian Williams accepted on behalf of President Gallot)

- It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to surplus items at the Fire Department for scrap metal.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member DeVaria Ponton and seconded by Council member John Brown, Jr. to salvage unit #116, Chev, vin #2G1WD5E30E1112686 from the city's inventory.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion was carried.

Mr. John Murray, LaPorte, APAC- gave an exit report for the Audit for the year of 2022.

Part 111. Old Business

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 01202023-1

ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Council members desires to provide notice of the regular meetings of the Board of Council members of the City of Grambling, Louisiana, for calendar year 2024 pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:7;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA:

§1. Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:7, notice is hereby given that the Board of Council members of the City of Grambling, Louisiana, will hold its regular meetings on the following dates, times and places for calendar year 2024:

Dates

Thursday, January 4, 2024
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Thursday, April 4, 2024
Thursday, May 2, 2024
Thursday, June 6, 2024
Thursday, July 11, 2024
Thursday, August 1, 2024
Thursday, September 5, 2024
Thursday, October 3, 2024
Thursday, November 7, 2024
Thursday, December 5, 2024

Times and Places

All meetings to be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/City Courtroom at the Grambling City Hall, 127 King Street, Grambling, Louisiana.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was carried.

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

Ordinance #01207023-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAMBLING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was carried.

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member DeVaria H. Ponton to adopt the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 1200223-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GRAMBLING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was carried.

Part IV New Business

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles the Approval to adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Fiscal Year Ending 2023.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

Yea: Council members John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The motion was carried.

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

Ordinance #01203023-1

Ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of a Taxable Excess Revenue Bond, Series 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$547,000, by the City of Grambling, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

The motion was carried.

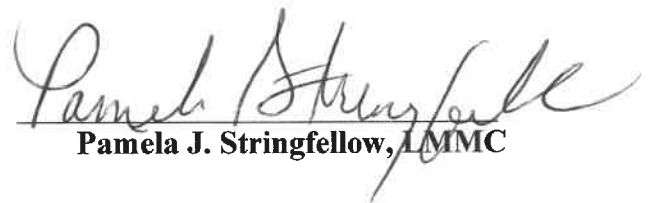
The Public Hearing will be held Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. The Public Hearing will be held on the Ordinance and the Ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of the Mayor and the Council held at 6:00 p.m., on January 4, 2024, Council Chambers/ Courtroom, City Hall, 127 King Street, Grambling, Louisiana.

Announcements

- Council member John Brown, Jr. stated that the Public Works Department will identify approximately 45 street signs in the city that need to be addressed.
- Mary Gipson stated that “Lightup in the Park” will begin Friday, December 8th, at 5:30 in the park.
- Council member Cathy H. Giles announced that there will be a Christmas Gospel Musical at Mt. Zion, December 17th, at 6:00.
- There will be a Christmas Dinner Giveaway December 23rd, Grambling Fire Department, at noon. The sponsors for this event are as following: Mr. Kadar Dennis, Fry Daddy, City of Grambling, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

It was moved by Council member Cathy H. Giles and seconded by Council member DeVaria H. Ponton to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 p.m.


Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor


Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMMC



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