

**MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.**  
***Monthly Meeting***  
***February 2, 2023***

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. 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. The city’s attorney, Pamela Breedlove, was present. It was moved by Council member John Brown, Jr. and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the agenda dated February 2, 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 John Brown, Jr. to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for January 5, 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.

- Mr. Henry Shuler, Shuler Consulting Company, gave the following report:

Project Description/Project Status

**Wastewater Collection System Renovations (State Appropriations):**

This project will renovate the Our Plan B (Windy Pines) Lift Station. SCC has recommended the award of this project to Dixie Overland Construction, LLC in the amount of \$110,915.08. The appropriations grant will provide \$90,000 towards this amount. The balance would be funded through the City’s ARPA funds.

**ARPA/Water Sector Program;**

WSP Round 2 awards have been made. The city is the recipient of roughly \$2,000,000 through this program.

- Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., Chief-of-Police, stated that his biggest concern is still vehicles not being locked. Chief Clark gave the following Year-End Report for the Police Department:

- ❖ Total Number of Tickets written: 1,078
- ❖ Total Amount of Money Collected: \$327,294.31
- ❖ Total Amount of Calls for Service: 84

- Mr. Tommy Woods, Grambling Fire Department Consultant, gave the following Year-End Report for the Fire Department:

- ❖ Total number of Medic Calls: 292
- ❖ Total number of Fire Relate Events: 72
- ❖ Total number of False Alarms: 44
- ❖ Property Insurance Association of Louisiana rating for the city went from 7 to 8.

It was moved by Council member DeVaria H. Ponton and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to receive all reports that have been submitted at Council Meeting.

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 III. Old Business**

Mr. Karl Johnson, American Wastewater Management- reported that the renovations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant have been completed.

- Mr. Karl Johnson, American Water and Management, LLC, submitted the following written report:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**Performance Guarantees:**

AWM has continued to provide high quality wastewater treatment services by fulfilling the NPDES permit plant requirements and providing required maintenance operations to the facility per contractual obligations.

**Monthly Discharging Monitoring Requirements:**

All permit requirements have been met and all required reports have been submitted to DEQ (copies of 7DMRs reports have been submitted in separate correspondence). The total monthly flow was 11,838.00 gallons (daily flow of 382,000 gallons).

**Lab Quality Assurance and Quality Control Activities:**

We calibrated the chlorine, pH, and flow meters twice weekly or as required. We continued our daily Dissolved Oxygen monitoring to ensure correct oxygen transfer in the activated sludge basin.

**Summary of Maintenance and General Activities:**

- The meters were calibrated and the wet weather pumps were serviced. The facility utilized approximately 750 pounds of sodium hypochlorite and 775 pounds of Sulphur dioxide.
- The telescopic valve that protrudes from the clarifier collects sewer artefacts that could potentially clog the pipes was cleaned. The weir in the contact chamber was washed down and the clarifier and post aeration blowers were greased. Rags were also removed from the return sludge pumps.
- The contractor has completed the works. However full environmental compliance has not been yet achieved since we are treating septic water which the contractor introduced in the oxidation ditch even though we protested for this action.

**Part IV New Business**

- It was moved by Council member Cathy H. Giles and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to award the Wastewater Collection System Renovations; Our Plan B Lift Station contract to ***Dixie Overland Construction, LLC*** of Sibley, Louisiana, for the bid amount of \$110,915.08, with the contract being paid by \$90,000.00 from the State of Louisiana Appropriations and \$20,915.08 from the City’s ARPA funds.

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 DeVaria H. Ponton and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Chairperson, Mrs. Mary Gipson to appoint the following members to the board:

- ❖ Mrs. DeShandlyn Chamber
- ❖ Mrs. Ulrica Edwards
- ❖ Dr. Mark Hunter
- ❖ Mr. Marvin McCarty
- ❖ Mr. Gregory Williams

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:**

- The mayor thanked Mr. Alan Blakeney-TV Center GSU, Director, Ms. Avia Knighten-TV Center GSU, and Mr. Charlston R. Talbert-KGRM, Operations Manager, KGRM Council Meeting Broadcast Crew for their service.
- ***The Go Red & Walk Heart Association*** is sponsoring the ***“Love Your Heart and Walk A Mile”***, Friday, February 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Hobby Assembly Center.
- Council member DeVaria Ponton reported that the city will receive the 10 garbage receptacles from the ***“Keep America Beautiful”*** grant.

It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 p.m.

  
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 Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor

  
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 Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMIMC



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