

**MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**March 6, 2023**

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Rev. James Green 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 present. It was moved by Council member John Brown, Jr. and seconded by Council member Delores W. Smith to adopt the agenda dated 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.

- 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 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.

**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.

The following were in support of hiring Attorney Ronald F. Lattier as the city's attorney:

- ❖ Mr. Alan Jackson, District E., Shreveport City Council, District E,
- ❖ Rev James Green, Shreveport City Council, District F, and
- ❖ Council member Taylor, Shreveport City Council, District A.

\*\* Attorney Lattier thanked everyone for their support.

- It was moved by Council member DeVaria Ponton and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to accept the Resignation from Attorney Pamela Breedlove as the city’s attorney.

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 DeVaria Ponton to accept the Recommendation to hire Attorney Ronald F. Lattier as the city’s attorney.

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.

\*\*\*Attorney Ronald F. Lattier was sworn-in by Judge Bruce Hampton.

- Chief Tommy Clark, Jr., Chief-of-Police, announced that the Fourth Annual Traffic Safety Diversity Forum will be held at the Grambling Community Center, Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Chief Tommy Woods, Consultant Fire Department, stated that the firefighters have attended training in Minden, Louisiana.
- Mrs. Mary Gipson, Planning & Zoning Chairperson, introduced the newly elected members of the Planning & Zoning Committee:

- ❖ Mrs. DeShandlyn Chamber
- ❖ Mrs. Ulrica Edwards
- ❖ Dr. Mark Hunter
- ❖ Mr. Marvin McCarty
- ❖ Mr. Gregory Williams
- ❖ Mr. Carl McCarter (returning member)

**Part III. Old Business**

- The mayor stated that the Award Letter from State of Louisiana- Office of Community Development for Water Sector Program had been received.

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to authorize the approval of hire dates for Firefighters: Remington Webb (October 4, 2020) & Hahsan Jackson (August 15, 2022), for the reporting to the State for Supplemental Pay.

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.

- Mrs. Mary Gipson stated that the **Beautification Committee** will begin trash pickup the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April, at 7:00 a.m. in the City Park. Ms. Theresa Younger and Ms. Liz White were also present.

#### **Part IV New Business**

- It was moved by Council member Cathy H. Giles and seconded by Council member John Brown to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana for the Water Sector Program Award.

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 Authorize the Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 and the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Community Center Expansion contract.

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 Councilmember Cathy Giles and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to **amend the agenda** for the approval to hire Mr. Reginald Knighten as a full-time probationary firefighter and Mr. Jaylen Houston as a part-time probationary firefighter.

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 Councilmember DeVaria Ponton and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles the approval to hire Mr. Mark Tenant as a Certified Policeman and to hire Mr. Reginald Knighten as a probationary entry level fulltime firefighter and Jaylen Houston as a probational part-time firefighter. 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:**

- Ms. Patricia Hutcherson, President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Mrs. Beverly Crawford, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented the mayor a signed Proclamation of the *The Go Red & Walk Heart Association* event.
- The mayor introduced Mrs. Charlene Gray as the Executive Assistant for the city and Ms. Brenda Daniels as the Social Media Coordinator for the city.
- Council member Delores W. Smith announced the Collegiate Shoppe will be closing after 67 years in business in the city.
- Council member DeVaria Ponton announced the city has received a grant in the amount of \$8,000 for Recycling.

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

  
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 Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor

  
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 Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMHC



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