

**MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**September 7, 2023**

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, September 7, 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., 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 Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the agenda dated September 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 Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated August 3, 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. Dr. Danielle Williams requested that both School Board representatives from the Grambling area to be on October's agenda to give an update from the Lincoln Parish School Board.

- Mr. Greg Williams, candidate for Lincoln Parish Police Jury District 1, is soliciting the support of the community.

- Mr. Martavious Ellis, Mr. Corian McGowan, and Mr. Jordon Brown members of Grambling State University's Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity chapter presented a Recycling Project Proposal that would promote environmental awareness and energy conservation.
- Councilmember John Brown, Jr. stated that the Grambling residents can now sign up for the CivicReady Community Alert System by visiting the city's website, [cityofgrambling.org](http://cityofgrambling.org) and clicking on the public signup link.

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 DeVaria H. Ponton to approve the recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to rezone 5.12 Acres on Igoe Inn Road from Residential to Multi-family.

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 John Brown, Jr. to introduce the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 01005023-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRAMBLING  
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

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, October 5, 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 October 5, 2023, Council Chambers/ Courtroom, City Hall, 127 King Street, Grambling, Louisiana.

- It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to authorize Mayor Alvin Bradley to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, between the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana, and City of Grambling, for the purpose of Road Repairs to Central Avenue to provide for a safe, smooth, and stable driving surface for the citizens of the City of Grambling, the students of GSU, and all other users of Central Avenue, the amount that the City of Grambling will receive is One Hundred Thousand & NO/100 (\$100,000.00) Dollars for this program/project.

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.

**Announcements:**

- The mayor made the citizens aware of the Town Hall Meeting to discuss increasing the water rates, Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Councilmember Cathy H. Giles made the citizens aware of the Political Forum that will be held Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- A "**Shout Out**" was given to the GSU Media Center.

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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