

MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.
Monthly Meeting
July 11, 2024

Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. Minister Brenda Daniels 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 Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the agenda dated July 11, 2024, with the necessary corrections to the agenda.

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 with an unanimous vote in favor of the addition to the agenda.

- It was moved by Council member Cathy Giles and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to adopt the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting dated June 6, 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 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. There were no comments.

- Ms. Yamalin Ortega-Spann- Dollar General Manager introduced herself to the community as the new store manager in the city.

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

Consulting Engineer's Report

Project Description/Project Status

Central Avenue Reconstruction Project

The Council took action on Change Order #2 for the Central Avenue Reconstruction Project. The change order restored the construction items omitted in Change Order #1. The additional funds are to come from GSU.

Capital Outlay

The Council was advised of the new Capital Outlay funding from the FY2024-2025 session. The city has \$1,000,000 in Priority 5 funding for water system improvements. The city has \$2,000,000 in Priority 5 funding for sewer system expansion.

Water Sector Program/CWSRF Projects

The Council was advised of the status of the current WSP and CWSRF.

- Chief Tommy Clark, Jr. encouraged the citizens to not confront juveniles about issues, just call the police department. Chief Clark also reminded the citizens to remember to lock vehicles and remove all valuables. There will be the 15th Annual School Supply Giveaway- Drive Thru Edition, Saturday July 27th, 2024 at 2 p.m. at the Grambling Fire Department, sponsored by the City of Grambling, Grambling Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Entertainment Etc, and Mr. Kadar Dennis
- Planning & Zoning, Mrs. Mary Gipson Chairman reported that the following:
 - ❖ Mr. Lawrence Rogers Plaza will begin construction soon.
 - ❖ Traditions Subdivision have started building the homes.
- Public Works- Mrs. Mennet Black submitted a written report.
- Water Department- Mrs. Marjorie Prudhomme encouraged the citizens to make sure they are enrolled in CivicReady, there are approximately 166 people registered on Civic Ready. Mrs. Prudhomme announced that City Hall closes at 5:00 p.m. on the days of disconnection because of failure to pay your water bill, until the next business day.
- Ms. Toni Jackson- Financial Report- Ms. Jackson reported that the numbers are in line with the budget. The audit for the year 2023 will begin mid-May.
- Mayor Alvin Bradley stated that he and Council member Jerry Lewis, Council member John Brown, Jr., and Mr. Tommy Woods interviewed two applicants for Fire Chief, and a recommendation will come later. Fire Fighter Alexio Hargrove attended a Fire Conference.

Part III. Old Business

- There was no old business.

Part IV. New Business

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Grambling has been awarded the “Water Distribution System Replacement, Planning and Construction” project through the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Alvin R. Bradley, Sr., Mayor, be authorized and empowered to execute any and all contracts of whatever kind, together with all pay requests, on behalf of the City of Grambling with the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning & Control Department Project No. 50-MA6-23-01.

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 authorize Mayor to sign Change Order No. 2 for the "Roadway Reconstruction, Central Avenue (Phase II)" 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.

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

Resolution #070202024#2

Delta Regional Authority Strategic Planning Grant Application.

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:

Resolution #070202024-1

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) will be levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the city of Grambling,

	MILLAGE
General Alimony	5.40 mill
Grambling Fire Protection/Pub Imp	14.97 mill
Grambling Police Department	3.82 mill
Grambling Public Streets	4.52 mill
Grambling Water System	4.27mill
Grambling Public Improvement	7.31 mill

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Lincoln, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2024, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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:

- Mrs. Barbara McIntrye, Greater Grambling Chamber is soliciting new members. Annual banquet will be in the Hobdy Assembly Center.
- Mayor Alvin Bradley, Council member DeVaria Ponton, and Council member Delores Smith accepted the donation of the fire truck from Baton Rouge Fire Department. Training will be provided later for the ladder truck.

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

Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor

Pamela J. Stringfellow, LMMC



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