

March 21, 2011

Town of Golden Meadow
107 Jervis Drive
Golden Meadow, LA. 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman David Adams
Councilman Mike Billiot
Councilman Frank Boura
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Priscilla Mounic

Those absent were: None

Others attending were Jamie Bledsoe, Chief Randy Chaisson, Charles Findley, Larry Griffin, Lonny Lerille, William Lerille, Jamie Liner, Joseph Mickles, Daniel Lorraine, Lawrence Mounic, Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, and David Rushing.

Mayor Bouziga called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Chief Randy Chiasson presented the February stats for the Police Department.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the Police Department accept a GOHSEP 75/25 matching grant in the amount of \$6,830.54 to purchase radio equipment. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Randy Chiasson addressed the Council with concerns regarding the cut in police overtime. Mayor Bouziga stated overtime cuts were for all employees and were implemented due to the decline in revenues and in preparation of a falling economy. The Council discussed the matter. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving Sgt. Charles Findley be allowed to speak. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Sgt. Findley addressed the Council regarding the cut in overtime. After a brief discussion Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded reinstating the overtime for all employees. Voting was as follows: YEAS: Councilman Mike Billiot, Councilman Frank Boura, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Priscilla Mounic. NAYS: Councilman David Adams.

Councilman Frank Boura requested adding the pavilion to the agenda. No audience comments were presented. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Councilman Frank Boura add pavilion to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Frank Boura informed the Council he received a complaint from the Saturday renters regarding trash left at the pavilion.

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Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded amending the February 21, 2011 minutes. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council no building permit or occupational licenses were submitted.

Mayor Bouziga requested deferring the advertisement of the 2008 Kubota until the next Council meeting.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the State will begin removing the Alario Bridge on Wednesday.

Mayor Bouziga presented quotes for the repairing, sandblasting and painting of the south sewer plant north tank as follows:

- Lance Pitre's Welding Service - \$25,052.00
- Specialty Application Services, Inc. - \$25,541.00
- E & L Enterprise, Inc. - \$23,495.83

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council also as part of the project the tank will be pumped out with the remaining \$10,000.00. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving E & L Enterprise, Inc. be awarded the project as lowest bidder. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council drainage traps are being reset on B & R Lane as part of the Street Resurfacing Project.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the street sweeper will be sent to Baton Rouge by wrecker for repairs to the computer.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded approving a letter be sent to the Greater Lafourche Port Commission requesting transferring of the dock located on the batture of the old Town Hall located at 313 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, 70357. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council he is working with Emergency 911 regarding the addressing of the street leading to Apache since relocation of the entrance.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the new energy efficient air conditioner was installed at the Senior Citizen Center.

Mayor Bouziga presented the following quote to scaffold, sandblast, and paint the pump station.

- E & L Enterprise, Inc. – scaffold, sandblast, and paint - \$27,860.00
- United Gulf Coast Services – sandblasting and painting - \$9,750.00
- Empire Scaffold – scaffold - \$10,201.80
- GIS Oilfield Contractors – scaffold \$16,000.00
- Specialty Application Services, Inc. scaffold, sandblasting, and paint - \$26,225.00
- Eagle Industrial Equipment – sandblasting and paint \$7,500.00

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded awarding the scaffolding to Empire Scaffold and sandblasting and painting to Eagle Industrial Equipment the lowest bidders. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a letter be sent to Attorney Mitchell Theriot to file suit on the Jack Terrebonne Estate to recover expenses from grass cutting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a letter be sent to Attorney Mitchell Theriot to file suit on the Valerina LeBouef Estate in order to recover expenses for the dangerous building demolition. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the grant application submitted to GOHSP for the purchased of surveillance cameras has been approved.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving a parade permit to allow the Krewe of Nereids to parade through Golden Meadow on Sunday, February 19, 2012. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving a public hearing be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 6:45 P.M. to discuss a proposed ordinance for livestock in Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving a proclamation declaring the month of April, 2011 “Fair Housing Month.” The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Sonny Cheramie – 508 South Bayou Drive has completed repairs to his dangerous building. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving a thank you letter be sent to Mr. Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Anason Borne – 2228 South Bayou Drive has presented no updates on the dangerous building located at 2228 South Bayou Drive. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving a letter be sent to the property owner requesting an update. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving a proclamation to declare the week of April 25, 2011, “National Community Development Week.” The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga requested adding press box, Living Way of the Cross, time cards, and April 4, 2011 meeting change to the agenda. No audience comments were presented. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the Babe Ruth Baseball League construct a 8’ X 6” shed at the small baseball field in Oakridge Park. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church hold the “Living Way of the Cross,” on Friday, April 22, 2011. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga requested an explanation of overtime on each timecard. Chief Chiasson asked if an overtime sheet be sufficient. Mayor Bouziga stated as long as hour of overtime is documented and explained in writing.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving the Council meeting scheduled on Monday, April 4, 2011 be rescheduled on Friday, April 1, 2011. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments:

Mr. Joseph Mickles stated he was offended by comments made by Councilmen during the discussion regarding overtime. Councilman stated he misunderstood the comments. Mr. Joseph Mickles stated he worked for the Town of Golden Meadow because he loved this Town, not for the overtime.

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Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine presented paperwork regarding the installation of speed control devices in Golden Meadow.

Reggie Pitre stated he took a cut in pay to work as a police officer for the Town of Golden Meadow and invited Councilmen to ride in his police vehicle one night shift.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:15 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK