

August 7, 2017

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, August 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those attending were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Ashton Cheramie
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine
Councilman Willis Toups

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Buffy Boura, Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Morris Hunter, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Terry Serginy, and Kyle Williams.

Councilman Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 17, 2017 with an amendment on page three, paragraph three to add the words recreational vehicle. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented a building permit application for Mr. Morris Hunter which required a rear yard variance from 20' to 10'. Mr. McNeely Rome informed the Mayor and Council the Board of Adjustments unanimously recommended approving the building permit with a rear yard variance from 20' to 10'. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the building permit with the required variance upon the recommendation of the Board of Adjustments. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council no Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- William Goode property at the end of Texas Road was sent a clean-up letter on May 3, 2017. The deadline to cut and clean the property has expired. Mayor Joey Bouziga acquired quotes to cut and clean the property as follows: Cooper Construction \$100.00, Donlin Construction, LLC - \$400.00, E & L Enterprises, Inc. - \$195.00. Councilman Lindberg Lorraine presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the lowest quote from Cooper Construction in the amount of \$100.00 to cut and clean the property owned by Mr. William Goode. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Wynn E. Clark & John G. Clark – property located next to Little Eagle continues to be cleaned. Councilman Ashton Cheramie informed the Mayor and Council there is a problem with the debris from the clean-up being removed by the Parish. Councilman Cheramie explained Mr. Clark will either have to get a dumpster or rent equipment to push the debris closer to the road. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded authorizing Councilman Ashton Cheramie contact the property owner to discuss the situation. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

- Ronald Malone – 123 Anatole Lane was cut and cleaned.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane signed for his clean-up letter on August 7, 2017. An update will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Heath Demere – 116 Toups Lane has been partially cut and cleaned. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he would contact the property owner by phone and discuss the part of his property that has not been cleaned.
- Victor Boudreaux – 138 Pelican Lane was sent a clean-up letter on June 7, 2017. The deadline to cut and clean the property has expired. Mayor Joey Bouziga acquired quotes to cut and clean the property as follows: Cooper Construction \$100.00, Donlin Construction, LLC - \$575.00, E & L Enterprises, Inc. - \$195.00. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the lowest quote from Cooper Construction in the amount of \$100.00 to cut and clean the property owned by Mr. Victor Boudreaux Estate. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Melvin Billiot, Jr. was sent a clean-up letter on July 19, 2017. The letter nor the mailing receipt was returned. The Police Department will hand deliver the letter.
- Keith Cheramie – 130 Terrebonne Lane received a clean-up letter on August 2, 2017 and has passed the deadline to cut and clean his property. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga acquire quotes to have the property cut and cleaned.
- Ramsden Griffin – 156 Callais Lane was sent a clean-up letter on July 11, 2017. This property has been cut and cleaned. Councilman Laci Latiolais also informed the Mayor and Council there is an abandoned vehicle located at 156 Callais Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Chief Reggie Pitre to gather the information on the vehicle so the proper steps can be taken to have the vehicle removed.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Edison Lee – 154 Delgrandile Lane was granted an extension until August 1, 2017 to demolish the dangerous shed remaining on this property. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he spoke to Mr. Lee and he stated he already demolished the house located on the property but he had no additional funds to demolish the shed. He did agree to tear down the shed a little at a time and remove the trash from the property. The Mayor and Council will monitor the progress of the demolition and the removing of the trash.
- Emile Guidry – 196 and 200 Pierce Street was granted an extension until August 1, 2017 to remove the dangerous building located on his property. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the two buildings were demolished and all that remains is a dumpster and some trash. Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended this be removed from the agenda and the trash pick-up be monitored. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this item be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Pre-construction meeting took place and the Notice to Proceed should be issued before the end of the month.
- Sewer Phase V – Pre-construction meeting took place and the Notice to Proceed should be issued before the end of the month.
- Sewer Phase VI EDA – Title research and right-of-ways have started. The plans and specs are almost complete.
- Sewer Phase VII – This project has been submitted for funding.

- Seawall Phase III – Engineer Plaisance informed the Mayor and Council discussions continue regarding possible damages to Crosby Dry Dock. Mr. Roosevelt Crosby is requesting a diver re-inspect a section of dry dock under water. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Engineer Plaisance if the contractor had finished the remaining punch list. Engineer Plaisance stated he believes there is one dock that needs to be completed, but he would contact him tomorrow to discuss the project.
- 2014/15 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant- Bids were accepted on July 27, 2017 for the installation of a waterline along Jervis Drive. Bids were as follows; Sampey General Contractors - \$27,694.00, B.J.'s Boring, Inc. - \$19,583.00 Wallace C. Drennon, Inc. - \$74,545.00, LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC - \$39,800.00, Muddy Pipeworks, LLC - \$27,000.00. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving B.J.'s Boring, Inc. the lowest bidder to construct the waterline pending State approval. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- 2015/16 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant – was submitted to the State and waiting on approval to install waterlines on Doucet Drive.
- 2017/18 LGAP grant application has been submitted to the State and is waiting on approval to purchase two sewer lift station generators.
- Town Hall Turn Around – Bids were accepted on July 27, 2017 for the construction of a Turning Lane near Jervis Drive. Bids were as follows: Command Construction, LLC Base Bid - \$98,900.00 – Alt. 1 \$18,200.00 – Alt. 2 \$19,900.00, LA Contracting Enterprise, LLC Base Bid - \$75,550.00 – Alt. 1 \$17,920.00 – Alt. 2 \$20,140.00, Picciola Construction Co., Inc. Base Bid - \$86,500.00 – Alt. 1 \$14,900.00 – Alt. 2 \$17, 100.00. A brief discussion took place and Mayor Joey Bouziga requested waiting until the next Council Meeting to approve the lowest bidding contractor.
- DRA – Seawall Phase IV has been submitted for funding and is waiting on State approval.
- Soccer Field Project – The contractor has added additional drainage which seems to be working and continues to work on the field.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Al and Tammy Kibodaux – 114 Meadow Lane continues to create a dangerous situation. After Mr. Kibodaux's attendance at a previous Council meeting the Council authorized Mayor Joey Bouziga acquire quotes to demolish the dangerous building. The sealed quotes were opened as follows: E & L Enterprises, Inc. - \$10,770.75, Donlin Construction, LLC - \$15,580.00, Cooper Construction - \$11,000.00. Attorney Autin briefly instructed the Mayor and Council of the next step before the demolition including the owner's appearance at the September 5, 2017 meeting. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Attorney Bryce Autin give notice to the property owner as to the lowest bid to conduct the demolition, including the date and time of the demolition and authorize Mayor Joey Bouziga acquire an appraisal of the property without the dangerous building on it. The Council unanimously approved the motion presented.
- The recreational vehicle located behind Kirk Cheramie has been removed.
- Attorney Bryce Autin briefly discussed the right to passage on property located at the end of Jefferson Street. Attorney Autin informed the Mayor and Council the Town's public street ends at the hard surface area and is not maintained or controlled by the Town. The property owners will have to dispute this as a civil matter.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the Police Departments July report of complaints, arrests, misdemeanor summons, and traffic violations.

A brief discussion took place regarding direct deposit payroll for employees. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he would like to discuss payroll direct deposit with the employees and if they are good with it, he was good with the transition. Councilman Lindberg Lorraine and Councilman Laci Latiolais said they were good with the transition. Councilman Ashton Cheramie said if the transition was ok for the employees he agreed with it. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would continue gathering information and present a report at the next meeting.

Chief Reggie Pitre informed the Mayor and Council his department continues to have one person of interest in regards to the cemetery damage and they should be interviewed before the next Council meeting.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a parade permit for the Krewe of Nereids to parade through the Town of Golden Meadow on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a parade permit for the Krewe of Atlantis to parade through the Town of Golden Meadow on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at noon. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the 2nd quarter finance report. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the Councilman review the report and it will be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute a contract between the Lafourche Council on Aging and the Town of Golden Meadow for use of the Golden Meadow Senior Citizen Center. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Lindberg Lorraine presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a Can Shake Application for the Knights of Columbus on August 12, 2017 from 7:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Attorney Bryce Autin informed the Mayor and Council he was contacted by Mark Wainwright & Associates, LLC on behalf of the Town of Golden Meadow requesting the Town of Golden Meadow enter into an oil, gas, and mineral lease for all property the Town has interest in the North end of Town. Attorney Bryce Autin explained the procedures. Attorney Bryce Autin stated he would contact Attorney Mark Wainwright send the lease to be discussed with the Mayor and Council before the next meeting.

Councilman Laci Latiolais suggested the Mayor, Council, Town Clerk, and Chief of Police refrain from cellphone use during meetings. Councilman Toups stated he believes everyone in the meeting should refrain from cellphone use. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a section be added to the agenda preventing cellphone use in the Council meetings unless it's an emergency. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie once again stated he would contact Mr. Wynn Clark and inform him of his options to remove trash from his property.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council Sgt. Elizabeth Fonseca was served with a notice to appear before the Council to discuss matters related to multiple speeding alerts. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Sgt. Fonseca if she wanted this matter to be discussed in executive session or in regular session. Sgt. Fonseca stated she wanted this discussion to take place in regular session. Councilman agreed to discuss this matter in regular session upon request of Sgt. Fonseca. Chief Reggie Pitre stated he was approached by Mayor Joey Bouziga regarding several GPS alerts of speeding from Sgt. Fonseca's police unit during her travels to and from work. Sgt. Fonseca addressed the Council and apologized and stated she would do better in the future. Chief Reggie Pitre stated he had previously verbally discussed the speeding issue with Sgt. Fonseca, but no corrective action was taken. Chief Pitre stated his main responsibility is keeping his employees safe and driving at a high rate of speed is not safe. A lengthy discussion took place. Chief Reggie Pitre recommended Sgt. Elizabeth Fonseca be placed on three non-consecutive days of unpaid suspension. Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated he believes Sgt. Fonseca should be placed on a six month probation. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he believes the punishment should be three consecutive days of unpaid suspension. Upon the completion of discussion Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Sgt. Elizabeth Fonseca be placed on a six month probation period being she was not written up and just verbally corrected the first speeding alerts. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine. Nays: Councilman Willis Toups.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding Amendment No. 1 LCDBG Grant Program Sewer Phase V Title Research and Servitude Acquisition Service Contract as of October 11, 2015 and the resignation of Mrs. Raya Boughammer as representative of the Town of Golden Meadow on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission to the agenda. No comments or questions were presented in opposition to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Amendment No. 1 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program, Community Sewer System Phase V Title Research and Servitude Acquisition Services Contract of October 11, 2015. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he received a letter of resignation from Mrs. Raya Boughammer, representative for the Town of Golden Meadow on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the approval of a "Thank You", letter to Mrs. Raya Boughammer for representing the Town of Golden Meadow. Mayor Joey Bouziga also requesting the appointment of Mrs. Linda Guidry who previously represented the Town of Golden Meadow on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the "Thank You", letter to Mrs. Raya Boughammer and the appointment of Mrs. Linda Guidry as the Town's representative on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Mr. Johnny Plaisance requested the status of the installation of speed bumps on Dursette Street and also informed the Mayor and Council of a drainage problem between Dursette Street and Washington Street. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mr. Johnny Plaisance Lafourche Parish did give the Town a few speed bumps to install on problem streets that they had removed from streets in Lafourche Parish, but we did not feel they were sufficient to install on our streets. The

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Town would like to install black top speed humps which have a longer lifespan and are safer for everyone. Chief Pitre stated he would look into the results of the traffic statistics for Dursette

Street and will present a report at a later date. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would have the Town Foreman go inspect the drainage problem since this is an issue that had not been reported prior to tonight.

Mr. Wilbert Gaspard informed the Mayor and Council he continues to have damage left behind by South Coast Gas after the installation of the new gas line. Mr. Gaspard stated the Town did help with the damages previously, but the hole have reappeared. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would contact South Coast Gas to resolve the problem.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 8:23 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO THE MAYOR**