

September 18, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, September 18, 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 Buffy Boura, Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Morris Hunter, Bernice Kibodaux, William Lerille, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, Kirk Williams, and Kyle Williams.

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until after the meeting adjourns.

Councilman Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. Morris Hunter led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the minutes from the Council meeting held September 5, 2017. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

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

- Wynn E. Clark & John Clark property near Little Eagle has been cut and cleaned. Mr. Clark will be billed by the Lafourche Parish Government \$1,000.00 for the debris pick up.
- Heath Demere – 116 Troups Lane – Mayor Joey Bouziga has put Mr. Heath Demere in contact with a contractor to cut his property.
- Melvin Billiot, Jr. – 130 N. 2nd Street – Certified letter has been returned unclaimed. Mayor Joey Bouziga will hire a contractor to cut and clean the property.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane was sent a clean-up letter, but the grass remains tall. Mayor Joey Bouziga is in the process of hiring a contractor to cut and clean the property.
- Keith Cheramie – 130 Terrebonne Lane - The Mayor is in the process of acquiring quotes to be cut.
- Patrick Wayne Hooks – Griffin Lane was sent a clean-up letter but the grass remains tall. Mayor Joey Bouziga is in the process of hiring a contractor to cut and clean the property.
- Dustin Bousegard – 137 Terrebonne Lane was sent a clean-up letter but the grass remains tall. Mayor Joey Bouziga will hire a contractor to cut and clean the property.
- Edison Lee – 154 Delgrandile Lane has not removed any debris or begin to clean his property. A certified clean-up letter was sent on September 11, 2017.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – construction should begin in about four weeks.
- Sewer Phase V – construction should begin next week.
- Sewer Phase VI EDA – Title research and right-of-ways have started. The plans and specs are almost complete. Engineer John Plaisance informed the Council the EDA informed the Town that Sewer Phase V will not be approved as the match for the project. The Town is currently seeking matching funds in the amount of \$340,000.00.
- Sewer Phase VII – This project has been submitted for funding.
- Seawall Phase III – The project is substantially complete. The contractor has a few items on the substantial completion punch list to finish.
- 2014/15 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant- The State has approved the paperwork and the contracts have been submitted to the contractor for execution.
- 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 – The State has approved the paperwork and the contracts have been sent to the contractor.
- DRA – Seawall Phase IV has been submitted for funding and is waiting on State approval.
- Soccer Field Project – The contractor has completed the soccer field. Shells continue to be removed from the field. A little drainage work remains and should be completed in the next few days.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the legal report due to the absence of Attorney Bryce Autin. Mayor Joey Bouziga thanked Mrs. Bernice Kibodaux and Mr. Morris Hunter for cutting the grass at 114 Meadow Lane. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Attorney Bryce Autin's items B, C, and D be deferred until the next meeting scheduled on October 2, 2017. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre informed the Mayor and Council the 2009 Chevy Tahoe is in need of new engine heads. The estimated repairs will be \$3,000.00, but the value of the vehicle is only \$5,000.00. Chief Pitre explained this is the extra police unit. After a brief discussion, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the 2009 Chevy Tahoe police unit be declared surplus junk and sold to a salvage yard. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie informed the Mayor and Council he received several complaints regarding swimmers at the boat launch. Councilman Cheramie stated he inspected the area and there were no posted signs stating swimming was not allowed. Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed Councilman Ashton Cheramie contact the Lafourche Parish Recreation District and request they install "NO SWIMMING" signs.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Lafourche Ambulance has requested the Town of Golden Meadow consider an offer of \$25,000.00 for property owned by the Town located at 313 North Bayou Drive. On July 11, 2016 the Council declared the property surplus and advertised it for sale with no success. Mayor Joey Bouziga introduced an Ordinance to consider selling the property to Lafourche Ambulance. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and

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Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded calling for a Public Hearing on October 16, 2017 at 6:40 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Town Clerk void outstanding checks from 2008 through 2016, and re-issue checks in the amount of \$1,123.07 to the people who could be located, send checks in the amount of \$366.46 to the State of Louisiana Treasury, and forfeit to the Town of Golden Meadow a natural gas refund for Peter and Sandy Eymard in the amount of \$86.00 to pay for outstanding grass cutting in excess of \$86.00 and clearing the remainder of their debt. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council there is an abandoned bus located at the end of Theriot Street. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the Police Department acquire the required information and a Public Nuisance letter be sent to the owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council the recreational vehicle discussed at a prior meeting being located at 1504 South Bayou Drive is being occupied. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he informed Mr. Parker of the Town's Ordinance prohibiting people live in recreational vehicles and he would not be issued a permit to do so. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded informing Chief Reggie Pitre contact Attorney Bryce Autin to begin the process of having Mr. Parker's camper evicted and have the power pole he is connected too removed. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Engineer John Plaisance he would like all permits for temporary power poles to be approved by the Council.

Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council there is a camper that is being occupied on Pelican Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed Chief Reggie Pitre send a Police Officer to investigate the situation.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding to the agenda a loud music permit for TK's Sports Bar. No audience comments or questions in objected were presented by the audience. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the aforesaid be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a loud music permit for TK's Sports Bar to have live music outdoors on October 21, 2017 until midnight. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding a dangerous building located at 102 North 3rd Street to the agenda. No audience comments or questions in objected were presented by the audience. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the aforesaid be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council he was contacted by Principal Buffy Boura from the Golden Meadow Upper Elementary regarding a dangerous building adjacent to the school property. Councilman Willis Toups presented picture provided by Principal Boura. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Building Inspector be contacted to inspect 102 North 3rd Street

and submit a report to the Town Council at the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

With no other business to discuss Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Mr. William Lerille requested the Council consider amending the fine schedule to state, "Police Officer's must give a warning for burnt lights on vehicles for first offenses and give the offender 10 days to have the problem corrected." Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the fine schedule be added to the next agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mr. Donald Vizier asked if Mayor Joey Bouziga could contact an agency to have the abandoned trailer located along LA Hwy 1 South of Golden Meadow removed. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would contact the State Police.

Mr. Kirk Williams requested an update on the drainage problem located on Williams Lane near the cemetery. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mr. Williams the Town Foreman did temporary fix the problem and a permanent fix would be conducted at a later date.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine informed the Mayor and Council the Lafourche Parish Government is in the process of building three wharfs at the Golden Meadow Public Boat Launch. One of the wharfs will be dedicated for commercial fishermen loading and unloading only. Chief Reggie Pitre asked Councilman Daniel Lorraine if there is going to be an Ordinance adopted by Lafourche Parish governing the commercial fishermen's wharf. Councilman Daniel Lorraine stated he is in the process of having an ordinance adopted.

Mr. Morris Hunter asked the Mayor and Council to discuss the rules and regulations for recreational vehicles. A brief discussion took place regarding the recreational vehicle ordinance.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 7:43 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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

