

December 4, 2017

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

The Mayor and Council for the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, and LA 70357.

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

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie

Others attending were Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Morris Hunter, Jamie Liner, Scott Parker, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, and Kyle Williams.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called the 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 Town Engineer John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on November 20, 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:

- Libby Griffin – 127 Meadow Lane is in violation of Ordinance No. 234 and Ordinance No. 364 and must be cut and cleaned. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to the property owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Ronald Malone – 123 Anatole Lane is in violation of Ordinance No. 234 and Ordinance No. 364 and must be cut and cleaned. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to the property owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Chris Griffin – 114 Palmetto Lane continues to repair his dangerous building. The Council approved an extension until January 2, 2018.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV - A few adjustments may need to be made due to the location of natural gas lines, but work on the sewer lift stations should begin very soon.

- Sewer Phase V – Construction began, but was stopped by the Department of Natural Resources due to a conflict with natural gas lines.
- Sewer Phase VI EDA – The Town is seeking matching funds for this project.
- South Sewer Plant Repairs – The Town is seeking funding for this project.
- Seawall Phase III – The project is complete. The contractor continues to negotiate with Crosby Dry Dock. A request for extension has been submitted to GOHSEP.
- 2014/15 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant- The contractor has begun construction. The State of Louisiana has approved the change order except for the culverts installed to approach the fire hydrants.
- 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 – Most of the work has been completed.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the legal report as follows:

- Al & Tammy Kibodaux – 114 Meadow Lane has been cut and cleaned. The building located on the property continues to create a dangerous situation.
- Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded deferring Mark Wainwright Oil and Mineral Lease and Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government until the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the November police stats.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the surplus equipment will be advertised for sale.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed everyone, no one showed up for the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. to discuss burnt light citations.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie requested a discussion of a personnel matter related to the demotion of Officer Charles Findley. Officer Charles Findley was served with notice 24 hours prior to this meeting. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Officer Charles Findley if he wanted to enter into executive session. Officer Charles Findley requested this discussion take place in open meeting. Chief Reggie Pitre informed Officer Findley's demotion took place due to two written reprimands one regarding being late for a meeting and one related to clocking in and out early and late. The Council briefly discussed the matter. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Officer Charles Findley if he has any questions or comments regarding this matter. Officer Charles Findley stated he feels he reprimanded in retaliation due to a report he wrote in which Chief Reggie Pitre was involved. Chief Reggie Pitre responded by stated anyone can get a copy of the Attorney General's report regarding this matter. The Mayor and Council requested a copy of the Police Department's time sheets for the past six months.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding a Proclamation proclaiming January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week in the Town of Golden Meadow. No comments or questions were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add a Proclamation proclaiming January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week in the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a Proclamation proclaiming January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week in the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding a streetlight on Doucet Drive to the agenda. No comments or questions were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add a streetlight on Doucet Drive to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Mayor and Council, he spoke to Dax Adams resident on Doucet Drive and he would like the street light removed from in front of his house. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we will request the streetlight be moved one pole down the street from where it's at.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding vandalism at the skate park to the agenda. No comments or questions were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the vandalism at the skate park be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked what vandalism was done at the skate park. The Town Clerk informed the Mayor and Council, Town Foreman reported someone wrote graffiti on the skate park with the skate wax. Sgt. Elizabeth Fonseca did a report on the vandalism and the Town Clerk will review the camera to see if anyone can be seen writing the graffiti.

Councilman Willis Toups adding the tandem truck and trailer parked at the front of Washington Street to the agenda. No comments or questions were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the tandem truck and trailer parked at the front of Washington Street be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups stated he was contacted by Mr. Peter Tebbetts regarding being contacted by a Golden Meadow Police Officer and told him his tandem truck and trailer needed to be moved and could no longer be parked along the side of South Bayou Drive. Mr. Peter Tebbetts feels he owns the property along Bayou Lafourche so he should be able to park on the property. A brief discussion took place. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested Chief Reggie Pitre contact the Louisiana State Police to discuss this matter.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Councilman Laci Latiolais thanked Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., and Lucas Gonzalez for working for the Christmas Parade. Councilman Ashton Cheramie thanked Councilman Laci Latiolais for organizing the Christmas Parade.

Mr. Scott Parker informed the Council he went to Board of Health to proceed with his temporary permit and was told his address of 1604 South Bayou Drive was not an official address. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Town Clerk will contact Emergency 911 to see if a new address was issued to the property.

Mr. William Lerille addressed the Council regarding the issuance of burnt light citations. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mr. William Lerille a Public Hearing was scheduled at 6:30 P.M. to discuss this matter and no one appeared. Mr. William Lerille asked if the meeting was published

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and Mayor Joey Bouziga stated yes the Public Hearing was advertised. Mr. William Lerille stated he feels like he is being harassed by Sgt. Fonseca. A brief discussion took place.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated he has been working diligently with the garbage people to improve the garbage pick-up.

Mr. Frank Boura informed the Mayor and Council his tow trailer was stolen from his property on Saturday night and asked if the Town had been receiving reports regarding thefts around Town. Chief Reggie Pitre stated there have been a few recent thefts. Mr. Frank Boura stated he did have the person on video. Mayor Joey Bouziga wished Mr. Frank Boura luck in recovering his tow trailer.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:36 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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