

May 7, 2018

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, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

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

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie

Others attending were Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Chris Griffin, Christie Ortiz, Juliana Ortiz, Jamie Liner, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Chief Reggie Pitre, 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 the meeting adjourns.

Councilman Willis Touts led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Laci Latiolais led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the minutes from the meeting held on April 16, 2018. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

- Gloria Bouzigard – 112 Delgrandile Lane was hand delivered by Police Officer a letter requesting she appear before the Council tonight regarding a complaint filed due to the condition of her property. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Councilman Willis Touts and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine visit Ms. Gloria Bouzigard to discuss the condition in which her property remains. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Melvin Billiot, Jr. – 130 N. 2nd Street – Due to the certified letter being returned, the grass on the property remaining in violation of town Ordinance, and no contact with the mortgage company, Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Town employees cut the grass and bill the property owner if the Town Attorney approves all necessary steps were taken to cut and clean the property. The council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Steve Lee – 130 Touts Lane tall grass has been cut.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Chris Griffin – 114 Palmetto Lane – Mayor Joey Bouziga thanked Mr. Griffin for securing his dangerous building and cleaning the property. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Chris Griffin, 114 Palmetto Lane be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Lafourche Parish/Greene's – 2607 A. North Bayou Drive – Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded deferring this item until the May 21, 2018 meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council due to the absence of the Town Engineer only one project was in need of an urgent decision. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council a change order was needed for the Repairs to the South Sewer Treatment Plant due to additional deterioration of the steel tank. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the repairs to the South Sewer Treatment Plant. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded deferring all other project updates until the May 21, 2018 meeting. The council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded deferring the legal report due to the absence of Attorney Bryce Autin. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the April Police Department stats.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council three additional recreational vehicles were reported as being used as a dwelling or were not road ready. Letters will be sent to the property owners.

Councilman Laci Latiolais informed the Mayor and Council pool repairs will be completed before the opening.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the council the Town of Golden Meadow's Streets & Public Improvement 5.00 Mills will be up for renewal in December.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a letter be sent to Ronald Shambach requesting they secure their abandoned mobile home on Delgrandile Lane.

Councilman Laci Latiolais suggested Mr. Luke Cheramie be honored for being the oldest citizen in Golden Meadow. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a proclamation to dedicate May 28, 2018 in honor of Mr. Luke Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested the Council consider approving \$3,885.88 for the installation of 2 upgraded cameras and an 8 channel dvr and the relocation of the current camera in Oakridge Park. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the purchase and installation of the cameras and to amend the

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2018 Budget in the amount of \$3,885.88 to include the purchase and installation in the Park and Recreation Capital Outlay Budget. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a Proclamation declaring May Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Chief Reggie Pitre be re-appointed to represent the Town of Golden Meadow on the Fire Protection District No. 3 Board. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council a wall mounted air conditioner and a television was installed in the lobby at the Office of Motor Vehicles along with a few necessary repairs. These purchases and repairs will be paid for with DMV funds.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council a few repairs are being done to the motors at the pump station. The motors and radiators are being repaired one at a time in case of a heavy rain event.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga enter into and executes the 2018 Maintenance Agreement with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre requested adding a possible executive session to discuss a formal complaint involving Officer Charles Findley. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any objections to Chief Pitre adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or objections were presented in objection to adding Officer Charles Findley to the agenda. Voting was as follows: Yeas Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups. Absent: Councilman Jody Cheramie.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Officer Charles Findley if he would like the official complaint discussed in executive session or regular session. Officer Charles Findley stated he would like to remain in regular session.

Chief Reggie Pitre informed the Mayor and Council, Officer Charles Findley was informed of his rights as per the Police Officer Bill of Rights.

Chief Reggie Pitre stated he received a formal complaint from Ms. Christie Ortiz against Officer Charles Findley stemming from a traffic stop involving her estranged husband and her juvenile child. Chief Reggie Pitre stated he conducted an internal investigation. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested everyone involved present their case. Ms. Christie Ortiz addressed the Council and Officer Findley was allowed to make a statement. Each Councilman presented their thoughts. After a lengthy discussion Chief Reggie Pitre recommended Officer Charles Findley receive one day of unpaid leave. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion to place Officer Charles Findley on one day of unpaid leave. The motion did not received a second. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he understood the Chief's recommendation, but believed a documented reprimand in Officer Charles Findley's personnel file would be sufficient considering the events that inspired. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a written reprimand be added to Officer Charles Findley's personnel file. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any other business to be discussed.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated the Sewer Phase V contractor did do a little more dressing in the yard of Mr. Dudley Plaisance, but the manhole remains higher than it should be. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated Town Engineer John Plaisance will present an update at the next meeting.

With no other business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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