

September 17, 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, September 17, 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 Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine
Councilman Willis Toups

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Mike Billiot, Buffy Boura, Frank Boura, Charles "Mike" Callais, Doug Cheramie, Jim Lafont, Larry Griffin, Troy Griffin, Jamie Liner, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Carroll Terrebonne, and Eric Verdin.

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 is adjourned.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on September 4, 2018. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Planning and Zoning Commission will review a building permit application submitted by Sau Mo Yeung, 162 Wilfred Duet Street to place a mobile home in an R-1 zone.

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

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

- CDS, Inc. – 328 & 316 South Bayou Drive has been cut and cleaned.
- Merrill LeBlanc Cornay – 407 North Bayou Drive has been cut and cleaned.
- Trevor Sandras – 129 Terrebonne Lane has not been cut.
- Keith Cheramie – 134 Terrebonne Lane has not been cut.
- Gale Cheramie – 130 Terrebonne Lane has been cut and cleaned.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane has not been cut.
- Elvis "Al" Chabert has been cut and cleaned.
- Lincoln Martin, Sr. - Norman Street was not cut by the deadline of September 17, 2018. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Town contractor cut the property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Lincoln Martin, Sr. – Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane was not cut by the deadline of September 17, 2018. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Town contractor cut the property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Patrick Wayne Hooks – Griffin Lane received a tall grass complaint. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded

approving a tall grass/clean-up letter be sent to Mr. Hooks. Mr. Hooks is repeatedly in violation of the tall grass/clean-up ordinance and should be informed that the ordinance will be strictly enforced and he will be fined. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Richard Greene – 2607 North Bayou Drive was approved an extension until October 4, 2018.
- Al & Tammy Kibodaux – 114 Meadow Lane. Mr. Kibodaux was served his letter to demolish on August 25, 2018 and Ms. Kibodaux was served her letter on September 6, 2018. Attorney Bryce Autin informed the Council the next step is to inform Mr. & Ms. Kibodaux the dangerous building will be demolished on a specific date. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the quotes previously acquired for the demolition be verified with the contractors and a notice be sent to both Mr. Al and Ms. Tammy Kibodaux informing them the dangerous building located at 114 Meadow Lane will be demolished on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project updates as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – the contractor continues to work. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving agenda items A & B be moved to the end of the agenda due to executive session. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Sewer Phase VI – continue to seek funding.
- South Sewer Plant Upgrades are complete, but we will leave it as an agenda item.
- Seawall Phase III – Bids for Seawall Phase III-A are being opened on Thursday.
- Seawall Phase IV – A meeting will take place on October 4, 2018 with DOTD to discuss the grant application.
- 2015/2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant – Doucet Waterline. This project was advertised for bids, but no bids were received. Quotes will be acquired for the construction of the waterline.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant – paperwork was sent to the State.
- Town Hall Turning Lane – Quotes were presented and approved at the last meeting.
- 2018/19 LGAP Grant application was submitted for the replacement of sidewalks from Cliff's Lane to Callais Lane.

Attorney Bryce Autin informed the Mayor and Council the Agreement with LL & E will need to be amended due to sewer right of ways. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded authorizing Attorney Bryce Autin work with LL & E to amend the agreement. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no one was present to discuss recreational vehicles.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council pump station repairs were complete.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded adopting the updated Policy and Procedures Manual. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Krewe of Neptune Parade Permit to parade through Golden Meadow on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the way the Council handled the vote at the last meeting was not legal and needed to be voted again. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated our Attorney is here to give us advice we might not like the advice he gives us, but we need to listen to him and respect him when he gives his recommendation. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no one should lash out at the Attorney. At this time we will not have a discussion unless the Council feels we need a discussion. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he feels we need to discuss the permit. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated the reason he abstained was because he wanted to know how Mayor Joey Bouziga felt about the permit. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he would like his statements verbatim. The Town Clerk explained years ago the Council passed an Ordinance or Resolution stating if a Councilman wants his or her statements verbatim a motion has to be presented and seconded. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he wants his statements verbatim and if his statements were not recorded verbatim he would get an attorney and pursue it. I want my statements verbatim. I am a Councilman and an elected official and I want my statements word for word. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving this discussion be quoted verbatim. Mayor Joey Bouziga told Councilman Cheramie to proceed. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated the reason I did this is because a year or so ago a Councilman did the same thing I did and nothing was told to him and it went on and then it passed. Now I understand and maybe he has to show me the law on that, the reason it didn't pass this time and he explained it to me on the phone because five Councilman were here, two voted no and two voted yes and you as Mayor could not break the tie because you had five Councilman present. The reason it passed the last time is because the majority voted yes, so that's why we here with this now. I was not trying to degrade the Attorney or anything I was just trying to state what happened in the past. Councilman Jody Cheramie asked Mayor Joey Bouziga if we were going to vote on the permit now. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated yes the permit needs to be voted on. Councilman Jody Cheramie voted yes to approve the parade permit because if you were ok with it I'm ok with it. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded to approve the Krewe of Neptune parade permit to parade through Golden Meadow on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Voting was as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Willis Toups. NAYS: Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Ashton Cheramie. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated the people want the parade, and Corey Galjour did his homework. The ladies parades are doing some of the same things the men's parade is doing and they have to come here every year and have to beg for a permit. Councilman Jody Cheramie asked if he could ask Chief Reggie Pitre, he has the authority if anyone gets out of hand to take control of the situation, right. If someone does wrong, they too drunk they need to be taken off the float or do whatever it takes. Chief Reggie Pitre stated it has been done before, I would just like to see if someone has a complaint they turn it in as soon as it happens, not wait until everything is over. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he did speak to a few people who stated they were worried about the music, but they want the parade, even though I don't care about it. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded stating he would like his statement recorded verbatim. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated he is not for the parade leaving Golden Meadow, I am for the parade to be more civil and I want to get the record straight we have been having complaints for years, this did not happen overnight. What the guy said, this being political and just coming up, I'm just going to let that go, I am not going to comment on it and I'm not going to take this personal, I am at the point in life I really do not care, but it's not for doing away with the parade. I would just like the parade to be more civil. Perhaps the fault is it's during the day and we can see everything happening, but I know I have been told by a bunch of people it's too long, and that's why I brought it up. We serve the people and that's why it was brought up. I have no hard feelings and I'm glad the parade will stay. Councilman Jody Cheramie asked to speak again. He stated he is thinking about the business people who make money off the parade. Sometimes we don't look at the economic part of it. Like I said I could care less about it that's the least thing I am worried about, as far as I am concerned we are wasting our time talking about it. The people want the parade so they can have it.

Attorney Bryce Autin informed the Mayor and Council he would like to research the proposed amendment to the American Municipal Service Agreement for the collection of fines. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded authorizing Attorney Bryce present a report at the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded deferring the approval of connecting CSCD with AMS interface programing. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Sales Tax Fund to the Sewer Fund. The Councilman unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any other business to be discussed.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding grass cutting contract to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Councilman Jody Cheramie add grass cutting contract to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he though the grass cutting contracts were for blighted properties and he saw Cut and Trim, LLC. was hired too cut on the median. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated Cut and Trim, LLC. was hired to help the town crew catch up on grass cutting with all the rain and extra projects we are working on. We do not get the use of the Sheriff's Office workers like we have in the past. This is not going to be an everyday occurrence, it was just to help catch up.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding a tall grass/clean-up complaint on Mr. Ronald Malone property located on Anatole Lane to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Councilman Willis Toups add a tall grass/clean-up complaint on Mr. Ronald Malone property located on Anatole Lane to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a tall grass/clean-up letter be sent to Mr. Ronald Malone for the property he owns on Anatole Lane. Mr. Ronald Malone is repeatedly in violation of the tall grass/clean-up ordinance and should informed him the ordinance will be strictly enforced and he will be fined. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie requested adding the November 6, 2018 solid waste tax roll forward to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Councilman Ashton Cheramie add the November 6, 2018 solid waste tax roll forward to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie briefly explained the election on November 6, 2018 to roll forward the solid waste tax. Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated if the tax doesn't pass then

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residents of the Parish will have to pay a service charge on their water bills that can be anywhere from \$7.00 to \$20.00 per water bill.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding drainage complaints to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving adding drainage complaints to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie informed the Mayor and Council the drainage ditch located near Marshland and Verret Street is clogged and in need of cleaning. Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated the drainage trap on Leon Street also needs to be cleaned. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would inform the Street Foreman.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding a loud music permit for TK's Bar on October 19, 2018. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving adding a loud music permit for TK's Bar on October 19, 2018 to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a loud music permit for TK's Sports Bar on October 19, 2018 until midnight. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding two tall grass/clean-up complaint one on Mr. Al and Ms. Tammy Kibodaux -114 Meadow Lane and the other Ms. Ashley Adams – 505-C North Bayou Drive to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any audience comments or questions in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga adds Mr. Al and Ms. Tammy Kibodaux -114 Meadow Lane and Ms. Ashley Adams – 505-C North Bayou Drive to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to Mr. Al and Ms. Tammy Kibodaux -114 Meadow Lane. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to Ms. Ashley Adams – 505-C North Bayou Drive. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Charles "Mike" Callais addressed the Council regarding the upcoming election for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission. Mr. Callais requested the Mayor and Council consider voting for him. Mr. Callais stated if elected he will donate his salary to Nicholls State University. The Mayor and Council wished Mr. Callais luck.

Mr. McNeely Rome stated he was attending the meeting to represent the South Lafourche Levee District. Mr. Rome stated there has been discussion regarding the water that accumulates near the Golden Meadow Middle School. Mr. Rome stated Mr. Wendell Curole

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would like to come to a future meeting and make a presentation regarding plans to resolve this problem.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the Council enter into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss Sewer Phase IV and Sewer Phase V Projects. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the Council return to regular session at 9:00 P.M. No decisions were considered. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a Special Meeting be called on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Sewer Phase IV and Sewer Phase V. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 9:02 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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