

July 22, 2019

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 re-scheduled meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019 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, Frank Boura, C. Michael Callais, Troy Griffin, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, and Kyle Williams.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested everyone refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

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

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

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the minutes from the Town of Golden Meadow's meeting held on July 1, 2019. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

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

- Gale Cheramie – 130 Terrebonne Lane was cut and cleaned.
- Keith Cheramie – 134 Terrebonne Lane was cut and cleaned.
- Durvin Lombas – corner of N. Bayou Drive and Bob's Lane has been cut and cleaned.
- Regions Bank – 162 Rue Pouche Vide was cut and cleaned.
- Midsouth Services – 160-A Henry Street is scheduled to be cut tomorrow morning.
- Trevor Sandras – 129 Terrebonne Lane has been cut and cleaned.
- Al & Tammy Kiboodeaux – 114 Meadow Lane has been cut and cleaned.
- Patrick Hooks – Griffin Lane has been cut and cleaned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Rosalus Rebstock C/O Rosalus Rebstock, Jr. – 160 Jefferson Street was approved an extension until September 16, 2019.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga presented and opened sealed bids requested for the demolition of the dangerous building located at 141 Terrebonne Lane as follows:
 - Cooper Construction - \$6,600.00
 - E & L Enterprises, Inc. - \$7,350.00
 - Cut & Trim, LLC - \$4,800.00

Attorney Bryce Autin informed the Mayor and Council one additional notice must be sent to the property owner before the demolition takes place. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded accepting the advisement of Attorney Bryce Autin and approving the acceptance of the quotes be deferred until the property owner can be served notice. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Curtis Bruce complaint. A certified letter was sent to the contractor putting notice of the complaint and requesting a response within seven days. Engineer Plaisance stated he received a letter from the contractor stating he was not responsible for damages. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Town did not receive any correspondence from the contractor. Engineer John Plaisance stated he will notify Mr. Bruce and contact South Central Planning to see the next step to resolving this complaint. Engineer Plaisance informed the Mayor and Council there is a hump in one of the bores on Ridgewood Blvd. and there are a few additional items to be taken care of before the project can reach substantial completion. The Mayor and Council informed Engineer Plaisance of several concerns as follows: Mr. Isaac Dantin's walkway was not replaced with the same material it was originally constructed with and he has a gutter that was knocked down, Mr. Jeff Wilson has a problem with his front door, Mr. Trace Cheramie has a problem with his patio roof leaking, and Mr. Jody Auenson has a problem with his sheetrock. Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council agreed these items do need to be addressed. A lengthy discussion took place.
- Sewer Phase VI plans are almost complete.
- South Sewer Treatment Plant is being monitored.
- Seawall Phase III-A – Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Change Order No. 1 costing the Town an additional \$1,210.10 and approved the project is substantially complete. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Seawall Phase IV – working with DOTD to submit a final application for funding.
- 2015/16 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant Doucet Drive – the contractor should begin any day.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant – paperwork was submitted to the State. The plans are almost complete and will be submitted to the State.
- 2018/19 LGAP – sidewalk between Cliff's Lane and Callais Lane is almost complete.
- 2020/21 LCDBG Grant Application – Sewer Phase VII application has been submitted to LCDBG by South Central Planning for funding.
- 2020/21 Capital Outlay Projects – Sewer Phase VI matching funds and Pershing Street Drainage have been approved and we are waiting on paperwork from the State.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Property owned by the Town of Golden Meadow – a discussion took place with Grady Gaubert regarding the property.
- Al & Tammy Kibodeaux Property – the process of seizing and selling the property will begin soon.
- Richard Greene – Mr. Greene has not been served the letter regarding the demolition of his dangerous building. A new letter will be drafted and we will try to locate Mr. Greene to serve the notice.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Sewer Phase V street repairs have been submitted to the Lafourche Parish Government.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the position for the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission is being advertised.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Storm Barry was declared a State of Emergency by both Federal, State, Parish and Town Officials so we should be reimbursed expenses for emergency preparations and emergency debris removal which continues. All the employees worked very well together. The experienced workers did a good job keeping debris removed from the streets and drainage, newer employees were able to experience and learn how to prepare for emergencies, and the police patrolled to ensure the Town's safety. Mayor Bouziga and Chief Pitre stated there was a problem with boats tying to the Town's bulkhead, which we have an ordinance to prevent and the police were able to handle this problem. Everyone worked together and did a good job protecting the Town.

Councilman Willis Toups stated Mayor Joey Bouziga attended the last Lafourche Parish Council meeting to address the Council concerning the \$100,000.00 for the Seawall Project. Councilman Toups is requesting a letter be sent to Lafourche Parish Manager Brent Abadie regarding his presentation and comments regarding the Town of Golden Meadow. Mr. Abadie stated that the Town's Police Department issues predatory speeding tickets to drive up revenue. The definition of predatory is related to or practicing plunder, or rapine, dispose or showing a disposition to injury or exploits others for one's own gain living by predation. Councilman Toups stated this statement did not have anything to do with the Seawall Project and Mr. Abadie owes the Golden Meadow Police Department and apology. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a letter be sent to the Lafourche Parish Risk Manager Brent Abadie requesting and apology. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga introduced an Ordinance establishing hours of operation of Oakridge Park from 5:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a Public Hearing be scheduled on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the proposed Ordinance establishing the hours of operation of Oakridge Park from 5:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga introduced an Ordinance defining actions as criminal offenses in the Town of Golden Meadow and establishing a schedule of fines. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a Public Hearing be scheduled on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:45 P.M. to discuss a proposed Ordinance defining actions as criminal offenses in the Town of Golden Meadow and establishing a schedule of fines. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the engagement with Bourgeois Bennett to perform the 2019 Audit of Revenues and Expenditures and Agreed-Upon Procedures for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Mr. Sau Mo Yeung was approved a variance to place a mobile home at 162 Wilfred Duet Street, but did not complete the building permit application. Mr. Sau Mo Yeung placed a recreational vehicle on his property after he was told on several occasions recreational vehicles were not allowed as residences in Golden Meadow. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a letter be sent to Mr. Sau Mo Yeung demanding the recreational

vehicle located at 162 Wilfred Duet be removed within 15 days of receiving notice. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais asked if all the recreational vehicle owners were sent letters and affidavits. Town Clerk Jamie Liner state everyone received their letter except for one person who did not accept the notice and the Police Department should have hand delivered the notice today.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested all other business to be discussed.

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he received a few complaint regarding the drainage and pumping during the rain event on Sunday. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there are a few water lilies in the drainage ditches and leaves from the hurricane, but there was an excessive amount of rain in a short time. The pumps were running, we just had an excessive amount of rain in a short time. A discussion took place. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a letter will be sent to DOTD requesting they clean the culverts along LA 1 from Armand Street to Legion Lane.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie requested adding garbage complaints to the agenda. No comments or questions were presented in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Councilman Ashton Cheramie add garbage complaints to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated he has been receiving several calls regarding the delay in garbage pick-up. Councilman Cheramie stated the Town has a good working relationship with the Parish Solid Waste Department and when there is a problem it is resolved. Debris removal will take approximately two weeks to complete. Councilman Willis Toups stated someone place a very large tree trunk near Plaisance Dragline that is too big for the trash truck. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he will contact the property owner to see who placed the tree trunk along the side of LA 1.

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

Mr. Kyle Williams addressed the Mayor and Council regarding a drainage problem he had during Sunday's rain event. Mr. Williams stated when Sewer Phase I was constructed there was a drainage ditch that was filled with dirt and the ditch no longer drains. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he will check the drainage in the area.

Mr. Kyle Williams addressed the Council regarding the donation of a small street, C & P Lane donated to the Town years ago and requested a street sign be placed to mark the street. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would look into the dedication of the street and verify the street was dedicated to the Town.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine addressed the Mayor and Council regarding storm debris removal. Councilman Lorraine stated the storm debris is scheduled to begin tomorrow and take approximately two weeks. Mr. Lorraine stated there were a few boards missing at the Golden Meadow Public Boat Launch, but those were repaired. Councilman Lorraine briefly discussed the pick process for sandbags. Councilman Lorraine informed the Mayor and Council there is a Parish Resolution for the Community Water Enrichment Fund for waterline upgrades on Rue Pouche Vide. Engineer John Plaisance stated this was a project being conducted by Lafourche Parish Water District.

Mayor Joey Bouziga thanked Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine for supporting the Town of Golden Meadow Seawall Project when it was discussed at the last Lafourche Parish Council meeting.

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Councilman Laci Latiolais stated the swimming pool will be closed on July 31, 2019. Councilman Latiolais stated the tennis courts will re-open once contractor repair the power problem left behind from Tropical Storm Barry.

With no other business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:10 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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