

August 5, 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 scheduled meeting on Monday, August 5, 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, Reggie Bagala, Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, McNeely Rome, and Kyle Williams.

Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed everyone to refrain from cellphone 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 Attorney Bryce Autin led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups asked to speak. Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council he had the honor to accept service pins on behalf of the Mayor and Councilman Jody Cheramie. Mayor Joey Bouziga received his 40 year pin, the only official in his category and Councilman Jody Cheramie received his 20 year pin. The Council and the audience congratulated both for their service.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the minutes from the Town of Golden Meadow's meeting held on July 29, 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:

- Mid-South Services – 160 Henry Street was cut and cleaned.
- Allison Rankin – 162 Washington Street was cut, but needs to be cut again.
- Todd Martin – 158 Washington Street was cut, but needs to be cut again.
- Russell Underwood – N. Bayou Drive was cut and cleaned.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Mid-South Services and Russell Underwood be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Rosalus Rebstock C/O Rosalus Rebstock, Jr. – 160 Jefferson Street was issued a deadline of September 16, 2019 to complete repairs.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane was served the condemnation letter allowing 30 days for the demolition of the dangerous building before the Town awards the lowest bidder the contract to demolish the building.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – LA Contractors is requesting substantial completion in order to allow the plumber to start sewer connections. Engineer Plaisance informed the Council the punch list for LA Contractors is lengthy. Engineer Plaisance stated the manholes which were high were lowered and the problem at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church has been resolved. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there is a problem with the street repair on Ridgewood Blvd. near Jane Guilbeau. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated people want their yards restored to the way they were prior to the project. Mayor Joey Bouziga then stated Mr. Curtis Bruce was here for answers to the problems with his house. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a letter was sent to LA Contracting the Mr. Curtis Bruce's complaint and inspection report. LA Contracting responded to the letter stating he was not responsible for any damages to Mr. Bruce's house. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated if the Town could fix the problem they would, but that can't happen. Mr. Bruce informed the Mayor and Council he scheduled an appointment on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. with Davis Shoring to give an estimate to level his house, which he claims shifted during construction. Mr. Bruce stated the house must be leveled before any repairs can be completed. Mr. Bruce stated there are insects entering his house, his doors don't close, and his floors are creaking. Mr. Curtis Bruce stated that with project 5% or 10% of the project is put aside for any problems that arise after a project. Engineer John Plaisance stated the percentage depends on cost of the project, his project it is 5%, but these funds are for public use not private. Attorney Bryce Autin stated in this case the retainage is to ensure the contractor pays all the sub-contractors and completes the punch list and at the end of a 45 day lien period the contractor is paid the 5% due. Attorney Autin stated there must be proof that the contractor caused the damages. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we do want to help resolve this problem, but at the same time Mr. Bruce must prove the contractor caused the damages. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated this may become a legal issue. Attorney Bryce Autin suggested possible executive session be added to the agenda for the August 19, 2019 meeting. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mr. Curtis Bruce once he receives the report from Davis Shoring a copy is provided to the Town and a Special Meeting will be called if it's before the next meeting.
- Sewer Phase VI (EDA Sewer Grant) – plans are complete except for the Leon Street area. Right-of-Way Specialist continue to acquire rights-of-Ways.
- South Sewer Treatment Plant continues to be monitored.
- Seawall Phase III-A substantially complete.
- 2015/16 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant (Doucet Street Waterline) – the contractor did a walk through and found an issue and reported it to the Lafourche Parish Water District, when he should have included the Town since it's the Town who was funded the grant and is being assisted by the water district. The Lafourche Parish Water District has agreed to pay any costs incurred over the \$35,000.00 funded. A change order will probably be presented before the project begins. Engineer Plaisance stated the Mayor will sign an agreement with the Water District.

- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant are almost complete and will be forwarded to the State.
- 2018/19 LGAP Grant – sidewalks are almost complete between Cliff's Lane and Callais Lane.
- 2020/21 LCDBG Grant Application has been submitted to fund Sewer Phase VII.
- 2019/20 Capital Outlay Projects approved were matching funds for Sewer Phase VI and Pershing Street Drainage.

Engineer John Plaisance requested Substantial completion be approved for Sewer Phase IV. Attorney Bryce Autin asked if the punch list included Mr. Bruce's complaint and other complaints including cost estimates. Engineer Plaisance stated yes estimates were included. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the substantial completion for Sewer Phase IV. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Possible executive session to discuss property owned by the Town of Golden Meadow. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the Town and Gaubert Oil Company do a quick claim to transfer the property back to the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Al & Tammy Kibodeaux – 114 Meadow Lane. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving adding to the next agenda possible executive session to discuss the collection of outstanding debt.
- Ricard Greene – 2607 N. Bayou Drive. We continue to try to serve the letter for the collection of outstanding debt for the demolition of the dangerous building located on his property. A brief discussion took place regarding the collection of legal fees regarding dangerous buildings. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the introduction to amend the dangerous building ordinance be added to the August 19, 2019 agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Sau Mo Yeung was sent a letter regarding the recreational vehicle located on his property on Wilfred Duet Street.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the July Police Department stats.

Street repairs in the Sewer Phase V area will be conducted by the Lafourche Parish Government.

The Lafourche Parish Government is advertising for an appointment to represent Golden Meadow on the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss proposed ordinance to establish the hours of operation for Oakridge Park.

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 6:45 P.M. defining actions as criminal offenses in the Town of Golden Meadow and establishing a schedule of fines.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the annulling of a tax sale on property owned by Mr. Chris Guidry. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga stated DOTD will be in Town this week to clean the culverts on the North area of Town that flooded during the last rain storm. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated Lafourche Parish will also be in Town cleaning culverts.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded accepting the June 2019 Budget to Actual Finance Report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding sexual harassment training be added to the agenda. No audience comments were presented in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Councilman Willis Toups add sexual harassment to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups stated at the LMA Convention in Monroe last week, sexual harassment training was conducted and in the class it was stated that all employees and elected officials must completed sexual harassment by December 31, 2019.

No audience comments were presented.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 8:11 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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