

February 3, 2020

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, February 3, 2020 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 Touts

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Reggie Bagala, Mike Billiot, Buffy Boura, Frank Boura, Billy Brunet, Christy Chabert, Jill Chabert, Doug Cheramie, Gaye Cheramie, Devin Dedon, Sandy Duet, Brooke Dufrene, Dale Dufrene, Nicole Dufrene, Toby Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Beth Felarise, Conner Felarise, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Mandy Himel, Jimmy Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Roxxy Pitre Leger, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Abby Melancon, Cullen Orgeron, Hope Pitre, Tom Pitre, John Plaisance, Kitty Pitre Prudhomme, Edward Reinhardt, Cheryl Richmond, Louis Richmond, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Dean Savoie, Lacy Stevens, Todd Stevens, Carol Terrebonne, Lan Tivet, and Cameron Westbrook.

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

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

Councilman Willis Touts led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Attorney Bryce Autin led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touts seconded approving the minutes from the Town meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga, informed the Council no Building Permit Applications, Occupational Licenses, Clean-up Reports or Dangerous Building Reports were submitted.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – The contractor has completed almost all the punch list items. Mr. Omar Fernandez' yard was addressed, but he has brought other issues. We are working through the problem. The brick mason went to Mr. Uriah Lasseigne's and corrected the color of the bricks on Friday. The subcontractor has completed the final qualified household.
- Sewer Phase VI (EDA Sewer Grant) – LA Contracting Enterprises, LLC was awarded the bid for construction on January 16, 2020 in the amount of \$1,160,300.00. The paperwork is being processed.
- Seawall Project Phase IV – We are working with DOTD to prepare a final grant application.
- 2015/2016 Community Water Enrichment Grant – Doucet Street has been completed. The Lafourche Parish Water District has indicated they will approve Change Order No. 1 and we are progressing with the closeout paperwork.

- Upgrades to North Sewerage Treatment Plant – paperwork has been submitted to the state. Only Engineering has been cash funded, no construction.
- 2020/2021 LGAP Project – Oakridge Park Handicap restroom sidewalk has been submitted to the state for approval.
- 2020/2021 LCDBG Sewer Project Phase VII – An application has been submitted to the state for approval.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Al and Tammy Kibodeaux – 114 Meadow Lane is going through the process of collecting the debt. Al Kibodeaux has been served legal documents, but Tammy Kibodeaux has not been served.
- Richard Greene – 2607 N. Bayou Drive paperwork has been prepared for debt collection.
- Berwick Cheramie – 141 Terrebonne Lane – Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Attorney Bryce Autin proceed with the affidavit for collection of debt owned for the demolition of the dangerous building. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- No update of the problems with the fuel system.
- The District Attorney is reviewing the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement submitted.
- Right of Way with Lou's rental for passage to the Sewer lift station. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga sign the right of way agreement. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Officer Cullen Orgeron is sitting in on the meeting until an Interim Chief is appointed.

Street Repairs in the Sewer Phase V area will be included in the Lafourche Government resurfacing project.

Property Tax Sales for Golden Meadow. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this item be deferred until the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented Officer with a certificate of lifesaving for an incident which occurred on January 1, 2020. The Council and the audience congratulated Officer Cameron Westbrook for his service.

Mayor Jody Bouziga informed the Council our police officers do not have bullet proof vest. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the purchase of bullet proof vest. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a Public Hearing be scheduled on March 2, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. to amend the Town of Golden Meadow FY 2020 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 to remove the purchase of a new police vehicle. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended the Council consider a special election to consider whether the Chief of Police should be an appointed position filed by the Mayor and an elected position. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded to open discussion regarding the introduction of the Ordinance and the calling of a Public Hearing on March 2, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. A lengthy discussion took place. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a Public Hearing held on March 2, 2020 at 6:15 P.M. at which time an ordinance relating to the election of appointment of the Chief of Police for the Town of Golden Meadow, Louisiana; call a Special Election. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Jody Cheramie; Abstained: None; Absent: None Mrs. Buffy Boura, Mrs. Beth Felarise, and Mr. Frank Boura presented their comments as audience members.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the following names who submitted letters of interest for the position of Interim Chief of Police. Roxxy Pitre Leger, Troy Dufrene, Chet Louviere, and Todd Stevens. Mayor Jody Bouziga thanked everyone for showing interest in the position.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called for nominations. Attorney Bryce Autin opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Jody Cheramie nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine nominated Ms. Roxxy Pitre Leger, Councilman Willis Toups nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene, Councilman Ashton Cheramie nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene, Councilman Laci Latiolais nominated Mr. Troy Dufrene. Mayor Joey Bouziga closed the floor for nominations.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving nominee Mr. Troy Dufrene as Interim Chief of Police to serve out the remainder of term of resigned Chief of Police Reggie Pitre. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Lindberg Lorraine; Abstained: None; Absent: None

Mayor Joey Bouziga congratulated Interim Chief of Police Troy Dufrene.

Interim Chief of Police Troy Dufrene thanked the Council for selecting him as Interim Chief of Police and stated he would be resigning from the Lafourche Parish School Board.

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he would like to add to the agenda an increase in pay for the Police Secretary Roxxy Pitre Leger. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he would like to see Police Secretary Roxxy Pitre Leger receive an increase in pay.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called for any other business.

Mr. Mike Billiot and Mrs. Buffy Boura presented additional comments regarding the prior discussions.

Attorney Bryce Autin administered Interim Chief of Police Troy Dufrene's Oath of Office.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called for audience comments:

State Representative Reggie Bagala informed the Mayor and Council he was assigned to the Transportation Committee, House and Government Affairs Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.

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Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine informed the Mayor and Council the Parish continues to work on the street resurfacing projects and should be coming to Golden Meadow next.

With no other business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:45 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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