

May 4, 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, May 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. "Pursuant to proclamation JBE 2020-30 of the governor of the State of Louisiana, the Town of Golden Meadow hereby certifies that, without the use of telephone and or video teleconferencing, it would otherwise be unable to operate due to the quorum requirement of La.R.S. 42:19."

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

Others attending via conference call was Bryce Autin, Chief Troy Dufrene, Jamie Liner, John Plaisance, and in attendance via Facebook live.

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 Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the minutes from the April 20, 2020 minutes as presented. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the building permit applications as follows:

- Gaubert Oil Company, Inc. – North Alex Plaisance Blvd. re-division of property has been scheduled for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
- Gaubert Oil Company, Inc. – North Alex Plaisance Blvd. design of an RV Park including a service building has been scheduled for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

GIS Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – The pointing work has cured and there is still a place that does not match. The Council agreed it's time to get this finished.
- Sewer Phase VI – Some of the materials have been delivered and the contractor should be asking for the Notice to Proceed. The Council instructed Engineer Plaisance to contact the contractor and get the project started.
- LGAP – the handicap sidewalk leading to the walking trail restroom facility was approved.
- CWF Grant – Doucet Street Waterline is complete. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the Doucet Street Waterline be removed from the agenda. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci

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Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None;
Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Ashton Cherie requested adding the gate at the end of Dursette Street be added to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda.

Councilman Ashton Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the gate at the end of Dursette be added to the agenda. Councilman Cherie stated he received a few comments regarding the construction of the bridge at the end of Dursette Street. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the property owners presented plans some time back and the Council approved the location of the bridge. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the bridge was constructed in order to prevent people from entering private property.

Chief Troy Dufrene had no report to present.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he requested quotes to complete the sidewalk in front of Doucet Street. Quotes were as follows: Picciola Construction \$3,490.00, E & L Enterprises, Inc. was contacted, but did not give a quote, and Clarence Marts Construction, Inc. \$1,895.00. Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the lowest quote and authorized Mayor Joey Bouziga execute the Agreement for the construction of the sidewalk in front of Doucet Street. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cherie, Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the letter for the sewer problems at Durvin Lombas was delivered by the Police Department.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we have begun advertising for pool workers in case the pool is allowed to open.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the office staff continues to work the same with the Town Hall doors locked, field workers are working and practicing social distancing. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated employees are required to wear mask when entering someone else's workspace/office.

Councilman Ashton Cherie requested adding the park to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in opposition to adding to the agenda. Councilman Ashton Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cherie, Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Ashton Cherie stated he has been asked about people walking on the walking trail and fishing in Oakridge Park. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving people will be allowed to park at the boat launch and walk to the walking trail to exercise and fish as long as they practice social distancing. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cherie, Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

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Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded accepting the March Budget to Actual Finance Report. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded accepting the April Budget to Actual Finance Report. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there was a deficit in revenues in March in the amount of 18.79% and an April deficit of 21.34%. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he has cut all overtime except during emergencies for field workers and the police officers have started an 8 and 4 schedule which will save the costs of hiring an officer at this time. We will work to keep expenses down until revenues get back to normal.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council we have begun preparing for hurricane season.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with LPSO for the use of detail officers. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for any further business to discuss.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked when the new police vehicle will be placed in use. Chief Troy Dufrene stated the vehicle should be ready sometime at the end of next week.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:41 P.M. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: None; Absent: None; Abstained: None.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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

