

July 20, 2020

Town of Golden Meadow  
723 North Bayou Drive  
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the LaSalette Center, 732 North Bayou 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 Auitn, Mike Billiot, Kevin Cheramie, Interim Chief Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Mark Hutchinson, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Zack Lots, Laiken Olivier, Jude Pierce, and John Plaisance.

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 adjourns.

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 Council meeting held on July 6, 2020 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion s presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the Building Permit Applications as follows:

- AAA Signs – 300 North Alex Plaisance Blvd. submitted an application for the installation of a sign for Gaubert Oil Company requiring a variance. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a Board of Adjustments be scheduled to review a Building Permit Application submitted an application for the installation of a sign for Gaubert Oil Company requiring a variance. The Council unanimously approved a motion as presented.
- Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding a Building Permit Application for Mr. Craig Thomas requiring both a variance and zoning change to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga called for any comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the addition to the agenda a Building Permit Application for Mr. Craig Thomas requiring both a variance and zoning change. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a Building Permit Application submitted for Mr. Craig Thomas - \_\_\_\_\_ Anatole Lane requiring a front yard variance from 25' to 4' and a zoning change to construct this house in an R-1 Zone be turned over to the Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning Commission for review. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – The project is complete with the exception of a couple manholes needing adjustments.
- Sewer Phase VI (EDA GRANT) – This project is progressing and the sewer lines should be complete in a few weeks. The plant will also be constructed. A homeowner has presented a complaint regarding damages, but no one has been able to visit with the owner to review the claims.
- LGAP – Handicap sidewalk – quotes are being acquired.
- Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga called for any comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the addition of the Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Town received confirmation the Town was approved funding for the Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Town of Golden Meadow and the State of Louisiana and the Council also approved the Town of Golden Meadow does agree to provide the 25% matching funds to complete the project. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Attorney Bryce Autin had no legal matter to discuss.

Interim Chief Troy Dufrene recommended hiring Mr. Jude Pierce as a patrol officer as July 20, 2020 at a rate of \$15.50 regular time and overtime including supplemental pay with a six month probation period. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the recommendation of the Chief of Police to hire Jude Pierce. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Interim Troy Dufrene presented information regarding a stationary camera which would be installed on power poles in Town along with a portable radar camera for officer's use to issue tickets from Blue Line Solutions. The tickets issued from these cameras would be billed directly to the speeders which will include a fee for Blue Liner Solutions and the town would receive a portion. Several years ago the Council approved an Ordinance to use similar devices, but never moved forward with this. Interim Chief Troy Dufrene stated a survey was conducted and the Town stands to gain increased revenue from the use of these systems. Blue Line Solutions representative stated they are located in Tennessee and do work with a few Louisiana municipalities. Violations issued would be civil violations unless they go unpaid then the offense becomes a criminal violation. A lengthy discussion took place. Interim Chief Dufrene recommended Attorney Bryce Autin review the ordinances and contract and report back to the Council.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Durvin Lombas , 2400 North Bayou Drive, House #B has a hearing scheduled with the Department of Health on Jul 29, 2020 regarding broken sewer lines under his house and running sewer onto the ground. A report will be made once we receive information from the Department of Health.

Councilman Laci Latiolais stated everything went well at the swimming pool this summer and the closing date is Sunday, July 26, 2020 except for water aerobics. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving swimming pool be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there are no changes with Covid-19.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving traffic violations in 15 mph zones be issued beginning at 5 mph on streets throughout Golden Meadow with the exception of North and South Bayou Drive and North and South Alex Plaisance Blvd. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A Public Hearing will be held on August 3, 2020 at 6:45 P.M. to consider amending the ordinance regarding the regulations for the dangerous dogs in the Town of Golden Meadow.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the May Budget to Actual Finance report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the June Budget to Actual Finance report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested a light be moved from 214 Pierce Street to 156 Pierce Street. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the light be moved from 214 Pierce Street to 156 Pierce Street. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any other business to be discussed.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie stated he received a request from Ms. Laiken Olivier regarding a recycling project. Councilman Aston Cheramie stated he is discussing the possibility with the Lafourche Parish Governor Solid Waste Department.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked if the Town hall doors are opened. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated they were opened last week and closed again, but they will be open by the end of this week.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:30 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**JOEY BOUZIGA, MAYOR**

**ATTESTED:**

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

