

September 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8th, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. at the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

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

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

Others attending were Cameron Aucoin, Mike Billiot, Frank Boura, Kevin Cheramie, Devin Dedon, Nico Doucet, Chief Troy Dufrene, Dominick Lerille, Lonnilynn Lerille, Nicole Lerille, Maitlynn Lerille, Jamie Liner, P.J. Romero, McNeely Rome, Joy Soudelier, and Taffy Stallings.

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 Jody Cheramie seconded approving the minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called upon Planning and Zoning Chairman McNeely Rome to report on a building permit application submitted for Craig Thomas to construct a wood frame house requiring the re-zoning of his property to an R-1 zone due to part of his property being located in a R-3 and R-1 zone. Chairman McNeely Rome stated the Planning and Zoning Commission met at 6:15 P.M. to discuss the application and unanimously recommended approving the permit with the required zoning change. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a building permit application submitted for Craig Thomas to construct a wood frame house requiring the re-zoning of his property located on Anatole Lane to an R-1 zone due to part of his property being located in an R-3 and R-1 zone. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called upon Board of Adjustments Chairman McNeely Rome to report on the building permit application submitted by Craig Thomas to construct a wood frame house requiring a front yard variance from 25' to 14' and a rear yard variance from 25' to 4'. Chairman McNeely Rome stated the Board of Adjustments met at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the application and unanimously recommended approving the permit with the required variance and also added there should be no construction within 10 feet of any sewer or natural gas lines. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the Building Permit Application submitted by Craig Thomas to construct a wood frame house requiring a front yard variance from 25' to 14' and a rear yard variance from 25' to 4'. There should be no construction within 10' of the any sewer or natural gas lines. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council no Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval. Council Ashton Cheramie presented a question regarding an Occupational License for a Christmas tree sales lot.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded requesting agenda item J. be moved to the beginning of the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented Mr. Dominick Lerille a Certificate in recognition of his act of heroism, act of lifesaving action, and actions as an outstanding citizen. Mayor Joey Bouziga also presented Mr. Dominick Lerille a Key to the Town of Golden Meadow along with a Town coin. The Mayor, Council, and audience applauded Mr. Dominick Lerille for his actions.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council, Engineer John Plaisance was absent due to a meeting scheduled prior to the Town meeting.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated sewer Phase VI is moving along quickly.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the remainder of the project status report be deferred until the next Council meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council, Attorney Bryce Autin was absent due to a meeting scheduled prior to the Town meeting.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the remainder of the legal report be deferred until the next Council meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the August Police Department stats.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Department of Health scheduled compliance orders for Durvin Lombas, 2400 North Bayou Drive, House #B for the sewer issues and the swimming pool.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie and Councilman Willis Toups accepted the July Budget to Actual Finance Report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded adopting Resolution appointing the Town Clerk as Emergency Preparedness Administrator. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Covid-19 Policy as presented. Included in the motion was to revisit the policy on December 31, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga introduced an Ordinance to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year for General Alimony from the increased millage increase is \$55,084.90 and the amount of increase in taxes attributed to millage increase is \$3,783.05. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year for Levees from the increased millage increase is \$46,965.18 and the amount of increase in taxes attributed to millage increase is \$3,229.43. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Ordinances on October 5, 2020 at 6:45 P.M., at the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a parade Permit for the Krewe of Athena to parade through the Town of Golden Meadow on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Ms. Taffy Stallings addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the drainage problems she had during the rain storm on Sunday. Ms. Stallings thanked the field workers who did go out and clean her drainage ditch. Ms. Stallings stated she thinks the ball was dropped when it came to the drainage problems. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he respected Ms. Stallings comments, but the pumps were working, the water was flowing, the field workers were working, and the ball was definitely not dropped. The amount of rain that fell in such a short period was the problem. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he was out along with the employees. Mr. Mike Billiot was out cleaning his drain trap when I was out taking pictures of the problem areas.

Mr. Nico Doucet addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his candidacy for re-election as Constable. Mr. Doucet presented his qualifications. Mr. Doucet also added he has lived two streets out of Golden Meadow and that was the most rain water he has seen in all the time he has lived at his residence. The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Nico Doucet for attending the meeting and wished him luck in the upcoming election.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:28 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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

