

October 19, 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, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the LaSalette Center, 723 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 Autin, Mike Billiot, Doug Cheramie, Warden Cottrell Davis, Chief Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Deputy Chief Roy Gros, Morris Hunter, Ryan Lee, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, John Plaisance, Carroll Terrebonne and Kyle Williams.

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 Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting and Public Hearing held on Monday, October 5, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council there were no Building Permit Applications or Occupational Licenses presented for approval.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – complete except for the lowering of a couple of catch basins.
- Sewer Phase VI – One complaint remains at 178 Rue Pouche Vide. The Town is waiting for three sub-contractors to register in sams.gov as required by the grant so the contractor can receive payment. The new sewer plant should arrive in November.
- Handicap Parking in Oakridge Park – A pre-construction meeting will take place sometime in the next couple of weeks. There has been a delay due to recent weather conditions.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades - We are waiting on the State to send the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.
- Capital Outlay request for the year 2020/21 have been submitted to the State of Louisiana.
- LGAP – An application to fund additional sidewalk repairs is in the process of being submitted to the State.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Blue Line Solutions has submitted additional documents for review. The Committee will meet again to discuss additional information.

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Durvin Lombas – 2400 North Bayou Drive House #B. The Board of Health emailed today and stated they have submitted the compliance order for approval.

Councilman Laci Latiolais informed the Council 65 vehicles have signed up to participate in the Trunk or Treat in Oakridge Park on October 30, 2020. Everyone is invited and volunteers are needed. Councilman Willis Toups asked if we are taking donation and Councilman Laci Latiolais stated yes donations are being accepted.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Ordinance No. 521 adopting the adjusted millage rate for tax year 2020 is rescinded. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Ordinance No. 522 to set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates for tax year 2020 is rescinded. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented a parade permit for the Krewe of Neptune to parade through the Town of Golden Meadow on Tuesday, February 16, 2020. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion to table the discussion, no second was presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the Krewe of Neptune parade permit. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine; Nays: Councilman Willis Toups.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a Public Hearing and Special Meeting be scheduled on Monday, November 9, 2020 to approve the Town of Golden Meadow millages for the tax year 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded introducing Ordinance 523 to consider adopting the adjusted millage rate for tax year 2020 at the Public Hearing scheduled on Monday, November 9, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded introducing Ordinance 524 to consider setting forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rates not exceeding the maximum authorized rates for tax year 2020 at the Public Hearing scheduled on Monday, November 9, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any other business.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding a drainage problem to the agenda. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to add to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Councilman Jody Cheramie add the aforesaid to the agenda. Voting was as follows: Yeas: 5; Nays; 0, Absent: 0; Abstained: 0

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he wanted to add to the minutes he discussed a drainage problem with Councilman Lindberg Lorraine regarding standing water near the beauty shop across from Oakridge Park.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga stated at the last meeting a discussion took place regarding arrest and the jailing of criminals. Warden Cottrell Davis and Deputy Chief Roy Gross addressed the Mayor and Council answering questions regarding criminals not being arrested. The Mayor and Council was informed due to Covid-19 people charged with non-violent felonies are booked and released, seconded offense non-violent felonies would be jailed once they are Covid-19 tested with negative results. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Town has concerns with the amount of strangers walking and riding bicycles around Town with backpacks and they seem to be taking over because there are no consequences due to no one being jailed. Councilman Laci Latiolais thanked the LPSO representative for attending the meeting and added, people are finding needles and other drug paraphernalia on the streets. Mayor Joey Bouziga thanked the representatives from LPSO for taking the time to explain why criminals are not being arrested. Chief Troy Dufrene stated most people arrested are bonded out as fast as they are arrested. LPSO representative stated if we need someone jailed the Town can contact LPSO and they will have the person Covid-19 tested at the hospital and then they can be arrested and jailed.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine stated Lafourche Parish is placing rift raft at the Public Boat Launch and it appears to be working. Councilman Lorraine thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing Lafourche Parish to use some rift raft the Town had stored to help with the project.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the meeting adjourn at 7:30 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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