

November 16, 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 November 16, 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, Mary Costello, Ethan Cheramie, Nicol Dufrene, Chief Troy Dufrene, Renata Guidry, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, John Plaisance, Kip Plaisance, Mary Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Jr., Carroll Terrebonne, and Kyle Williams.

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 previous meetings held November 2, 2020 and November 9, 2020. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented Building Permit Application preliminary designs for Morris Hunter and Gaubert Oil RV parks. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested Councilmen review the drawing and present any questions or concerns before turning the designs over to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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 – no changes.
- Sewer Phase VI – The plant should arrive sometime around Thanksgiving and will be installed once it has arrived. We have a complaint at 178 Rue Pouche Vide which has been inspected by the Building Inspector. The report will be emailed to the Council for review.
- Handicap parking in Oakridge Park- Mayor Joey Bouziga will contact the contractor. The contractor has been delayed because of Hurricane Zeta.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant is waiting on paperwork from the State.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Blue Line Solutions – the committee has not been able to meet to discuss, but there is a second proposal for the automated speed control camera system.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving to change the agenda item to automated speed camera instead of Blue Line Solutions. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the committee meet to discuss the two proposals.

Chief Troy Dufrene informed the Council he received approval from the 17th Judicial Judge to destroy or sell evidence according to the law. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Chief Troy Dufrene destroy or sell evidence as the law allows. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Durvin Lombas – 2400 North Bayou Drive, House #B waiting on compliance order from Board of Health.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the September and November Budget to Actual Report for review.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked the Council to approve an advertisement to thank all the volunteers who helped after Hurricane Zeta. Councilman Jody Cheramie and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the advertisement. The council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called for other business to be discussed.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked when missing and burnt lights would be replaced. The Town Clerk stated burnt lights are being submitted as they are reported. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated Entergy will be working on poles and lights in phases.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding a sewer problem to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested questions or comments in opposition to adding to the agenda. With no comments or questions Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. 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 Jody Cheramie stated he received a call about sewer running on the ground at the Griffin Lane sewer lift station. Sewer Foreman Drake Rogers went to the site and found the float was stuck. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the problem has been discussed and we are working on a solution.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding the appropriation of funds to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested questions or comments in opposition to adding to the agenda. With no comments or questions Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. 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 with the decrease in revenues this year additional appropriations will be needed to assist the General Fund through the end of 2020. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving appropriations in the amount of Sales Tax \$300,000.00, Levee Maintenance \$2,000.00, Drainage Maintenance \$2,000.00 and Street Maintenance \$7,000.00 to the General Fund. 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

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Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding the introduction of Ordinance No. 526 adopting the 2021 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow and the advertisement of a Public Hearing and Special Meeting to discuss and adopt the 2021 Budget of Revenues to be and Expenditures be scheduled on Monday, December 14, 2020 at the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357 to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested questions or comments in opposition to adding to the agenda. With no comments or questions Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. 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 Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga's introduction of Ordinance No. 526 to adopt the 2021 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures and the advertisement of a Public Hearing and Special Meeting for the 2021 Budget of Revenues to be and Expenditures be scheduled on Monday, December 14, 2020 at the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. 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 Ashton Cheramie stated he spoke to Mr. Jerome Danos of the Lafourche Parish Solid Waste Department and he stated more trucks have been added to pick up storm debris. Debris should be divided into trees, wood, and branches, and other debris, metals and appliances. If anyone has a problem with remaining storm debris they should call and report the debris.

Councilman Laci Latiolais stated the Town First Annual Trunk or Treat was very successful. Councilman Laci Latiolais stated she would like to thank all the employees who worked and the volunteers who made this event very successful.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked if Oakridge Park was re-opened. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the park is re-opened.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Mary Costello resident of B & R Lane addressed the Mayor and Council regarding problems in their neighborhood. Mrs. Costello stated there are people out on the streets all hours of the day and night and children are being exposed to things they should not be exposed to at such a young age. These people pass through people's yards at all hours of the night. There is a shed behind a house that is being lived in and used as a drug haven. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Chief Troy Dufrene how he would like to handle the problem. Chief Troy Dufrene stated we need to first have a curfew set in place so Officers have the right to stop people question them, and charge them with curfew violations. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a curfew would need to be set by Ordinance. Attorney Bryce Autin briefly discussed the curfew.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding the Introduction of Ordinance No. 525 setting a curfew in the Town of Golden Meadow and a Public Hearing be scheduled to discuss the proposed Ordinance on December 7, 2020 to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested questions or comments in opposition to adding to the agenda. With no comments or questions Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. 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 Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the Introduction of Ordinance No. 525 setting a curfew in the Town of Golden Meadow

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and a Public Hearing be scheduled to discuss the proposed Ordinance on December 7, 2020 to the agenda. 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

Ms. Renata Guidry addressed the Council regarding a parade permit for the Golden Meadow Rotary Club to hold a Christmas parade on Saturday, December 12, 2020.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding a Parade Permit to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested questions or comments in opposition to adding to the agenda. With no comments or questions Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the aforesaid to the agenda. 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 Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a Parade Permit for the Golden Meadow Rotary Club to hold a Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 12, 2020 parading from Armand Street to the end of Town ending at the LaSalette Center provided Governor mandates set forth for COVID-19. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked the pavilion be reserved on December 12, 2020 in case the LaSalette cannot be used.

Ms. Mary Costello asked if anything can be done with the shed being used as a house on B & R Lane. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Building Inspector be sent to the to B & R Lane to inspect the shed located on the property of Mr. Warren Matherne. 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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:49 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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

