

January 4, 2021

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

The Mayor and Council met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., at a special meeting place due to Covid-19, the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Mike Billiot
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Other attending were Bryce Autin, Frank Boura, Doug Cheramie, Ethan Cheramie, Brooke Dufrene, Nicol Cheramie, Chief Troy Dufrene, Salavador Gonzalez, Jr., Kevin Landry, Uriah Lasseigne, Jamie Liner, Donna Lirette, Mary Laine Lirette, Daniel Lorraine, John Plaisance, Mary Plaisance, Renee Sassoni, and Caroll Terrebonne.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called to the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested everyone including the Council 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 December 21, 2020 meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Morris Hunter and Gaubert Oil Company RV Parks are being advertised for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustments.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – There are three manholes that need to be reset.
- Sewer Phase VI – The plant should be delivered on Wednesday and should be installed by the end of the week.
- LGAP – Handicap parking and sidewalk is under construction.
- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades – We continue to wait on paperwork from the state.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Automated Speed Control Camera.
A new committee will need to be appointed. Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Willis Toups, and Chief Troy Dufrene. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded appointing Councilman Laci Latiolais and Councilman Willis Toups be appointed to the Committee to discuss the

Automated speed control camera. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

- A letter will be delivered to Mr. Warren Matherne – 126 B & R Lane regarding the submission of a building permit application.

Chief Troy Dufrene stated he would like to waive his health insurance benefits as long as he is Chief of Police, once a new Chief is elected the health insurance benefits could be reinstated.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented information regarding Police Officer Hours of work and their pay. Once the Chief of Police completed his discussion, the Town Clerk presented the information regarding the additional costs to change Police Officer hours and increase in pay. A lengthy discussion took place. No action was taken on Police Officer hours and pay.

Chief Troy Dufrene stated the Town has a time clock policy where employees clock in and out daily. Chief Troy Dufrene stated he does not want Police Officers to use the time clock. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving Police Officers manually fill in a time sheet and not punch in and out on the time clock as other Town employees. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Mike Billiot, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Laci Latiolais; Absent: None; Abstained: None

All repairs were completed at Durvin Lombas – 2400 North Bayou Drive, House #B. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving this item be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented a resolution to appoint Mayor Pro-tempore and appoint the newly elected officials to their commissions. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded appointing Councilman Jody Cheramie as first Mayor Pro-tempore and Councilman Willis Toups as second Mayor Pro-tempore. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Bouziga presented the commissions as follows:

Street Commissioner – Councilman Willis Toups
Parks & Recreation Commissioner – Councilman Laci Latiolais
Drainage Commissioner – Councilman Mike Biliot
Sewerage Commissioner – Councilman Kip Plaisance
Sanitation Commissioner – Councilman Jody Cheramie

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the Commissions as recommended by Mayor Joey Bouziga. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded authorizing the Council sign new signature cards for individual checking accounts and LAMP accounts for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Chief Troy Dufrene as the Official Tax Collector to serve the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Attorney Bryce Autin as the Town Attorney. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Attorney Bryce Autin be appointed as Court Magistrate upon the recommendation of Mayor Joey Bouziga. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded appointing John Plaisance, GIS Engineering, LLC as the Town Engineer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded appointing Councilman Willis Toups and Councilman Mike Billiot to the Finance Committee. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded appointing Jamie Liner as Town Clerk, Administrative Asst. to the Mayor, Treasurer, Secretary, Emergency Response Representative, and Deputy Tax Collector. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded appointing Roxxy Pitre as Clerk of Court for the Town for Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments:

Mr. Uriah Lasseigne addressed the Council regarding the replacement of lights on Callais Lane. Mr. Lasseigne stated the street lights at 168 Callais Lane is missing and the street light at the end of Callais Lane. Mr. Lasseigne also requested a light be installed at 197 Callais Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if anyone was in opposition of adding a street light at 197 Callais Lane to the agenda. No questions or comments were presented in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a street light be installed at 197 Callais Lane. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a street light be installed at 197 Callais Lane. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked Chief Troy Dufrene if the dog living at the blue house on Pierce Street was a Pitbull. Chief Troy Dufrene stated the dog was not a Pitbull.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:15 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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

