

February 1, 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, February 1, 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 David Adams, Harold Adams, Bryce Autin, Brenda Bernard, Ray Bernard, Frank Boura, Doug Cheramie, Ethan Cheramie, Kevin Cheramie, Nerby Collins, Nicol Dufrene, Chief Troy Dufrene, Salavador Gonzalez, Jr., Uriah Lasseigne, Jamie Liner, William Lerille, John Plaisance, and Carroll 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 Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the Building Permit Applications as follows:

- Morris Hunter – RV Park was advertised for review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustments on March 1, 2021.
- Gaubert Oil Company – RV Park was advertised for review by the Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments on February 15, 2021.
- James Rodrigue – Permit requiring a variance to place a metal building on Verret Street and requiring a rear yard variance from 20' to 5'. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving this permit be turned over to the Board of Adjustments for review. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Mayor Joey Bouziga request adding a building permit application for Mary and Lonnie Costello to the agenda. Mayor requested any questions or comments in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no opposition, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add the building permit application to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the building permit for Mary and Lonnie Costello be turned over to the Board of Adjustments for review. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Three manholes need to be re-set.
- Sewer Phase VI – The project is close to Substantial Completion.
- LGAP Handicap Parking in Oakridge Park is under construction.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades – Waiting on documents from the State.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Automated speed camera – No Committee update. At the last meeting a few pros and cons were presented to the Council.
- Warren Matherne- 126 B & R Lane have a permit for a shed, but they need a permit as a residence. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded to send a letter to move forward with this issue. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the January Police Department stats.

A letter was sent to Ms. Celeste Creppel – 102 Louviere Lane regarding damage to her mobile home. Councilman Kip Plaisance stated the property owner has begun working on the repairs.

1504 South Bayou Drive – The Fire Marshall went to the building and was unable to make contact with anyone in the building. These people have no license to conduct business and there is junk which is causing a public nuisance and a fire hazard. Councilman Laci Latiolais' presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a letter be sent to the property owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Sewer disconnects:

- 162 B & R Lane – Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded accepting the partial payment. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded that once a person gets 90 past due on their sewer bills we send a delinquent notice. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving 162 B & R Lane be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- 152 Armand Street – Attorney Bryce Autin explained the person who owes the sewer money is not the same person who owns the property. The taxes on the trailer are not paid and the trailer has been adjudicated to the Parish and the Town. The sewer bill has not been paid. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the property owner be sent a letter for payment. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga execute a resolution adopting the Lafourche Parish Mitigation Plan Update. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups stated abandoned vehicles are becoming a nuisance once again. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the Police Department begin compiling a list of abandoned vehicles so the matter can be addressed. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Councilman Willis Toups stated 119 Jefferson Street needs to have several drums of trash removed. The garbage truck will not pick them up unless the items are dumped on the ground for trash pickup.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded accepting the November Budget to Actual Finance Report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

The Golden Meadow Lions Club presented the Town with a monetary donation to the Town to help people in Town who are in distress. Also if there are needy people they have applications that can be applied for to assist people in acquiring glasses and/or hearing aids. Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council thanked the members of the Golden Meadow Lions Club.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the Civil Defense Building located on Washington Street received substantial damage during Hurricane Zeta. The building is being secured and we are acquiring estimates on the building.

Councilman Laci Latiolais informed the Mayor and Council the lights are being replaced at the baseball facilities in Oakridge Park, but the contractor has made several deep ruts. The Contractor is supposed to repair any damages.

Councilman Laci Latiolais stated the Senior Citizens Center is in need of some repairs. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Kip Plaisance and Councilman Laci Latiolais stated after the repairs are completed maybe we can have a volunteer day to paint the building.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated lunch was placed on the agenda due to questions regarding Police Officer eating out of Town for extended amounts of time. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated when a complaint comes in it takes an Officer 12 minutes to get to the scene during an out of Town lunch. The Town Clerk added comments to the discussion regarding an incident that took place recently at a local restaurant.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding Project Graduation to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no opposition Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving Project Graduation be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais stated South Lafourche Project Graduation would like to hold a parade at South Lafourche High School ending at the Golden Meadow Pavilion. A Parade Permit will be submitted and the date for the pavilion will be reserved.

Councilman Jody Cheramie would like to add Police Officer pay to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for any questions or comments in objection to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. With no objections, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Police Officer pay to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie brought up a discussion regarding Police Office pay increase, the increase cost in retirement, and the savings in health insurance. A lengthy discussion took place. Chief Troy Dufrene and the Town Clerk stated they would work on numbers and present a report to the Mayor and Council.

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With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adjourning the meeting at 7:45 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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