

March 1, 2021

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

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at a special meeting place due to Covid-19, 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

Others attending were David Adams, Cory Cheramie, Darlene Cheramie, Lonnie Costello, Mary Costello, Chief Troy Dufrene, Barbara Gonzalez, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Morris Hunter, Warren Matherne, Joseph Pitre, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Jr. and Carroll Terrebonne.

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 Willis Toups presented motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes from the February 1, 2021 be amended due to a typographical error and the minutes from the February 15, 2021 be adopted as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the building permits as follows:

- Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded accepting the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve Mr. Morris Hunter's RV Park in the R-3 Zone. Mr. Morris Hunter requested an additional site, but no zoning change was necessary due to it being located in a C-1 Zone. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Lonnie and Mary Costello – the Board of Adjustments for the Town of Golden Meadow met on February 15, 2021 to discuss a building permit application requiring a variance from 20' to 2'. The Board of Adjustments recommended the variance be approved from 20' to 5'. The natural gas and sewer lines will not be involved if the building is moved. Councilman Kip Plaisance motioned and Councilman Willis Toups seconded to accept the recommendation of the Board of Adjustments from 20' to 5'. Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, and Councilman Mike Billiot stated they would approve the permit with a 20' to 2' variance with the conditions set for the roof. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a discussion take place. Board of Adjustments member Mr. Johnny Plaisance expressed his concerns. Mr. David Adams stated the Council is not following the law. Mrs. Mary Costello stated on B & R Lane,

everyone's fences are built on the property lines and the sheds are built along their fences. Audience members presented their comments. A lengthy discussion took place. Councilman Jody Chermie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the variance from 20' to 2' with the stipulation that the roof leans away from Mr. David Adams property. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Mike Billiot, Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Nays: Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Touns.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – complete except for re-setting a few manholes.
- Sewer Phase VI – the flow meter has been connected and the project is almost substantially complete. People will begin connecting to sewer. The remainder of the project is to building a walkway.
- Oakridge Park Handicap sidewalk and parking has been completed.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades – we continue waiting on documents from the state.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Automated speed camera – some discussion took place regarding the fees that the Town is required to pay on traffic violations. Chief Troy Dufrene stated the Town would not be responsible to pay for the fees due to these violations being civil charges. Ms. Roxxy Pitre did bring up a few accounting questions regarding the speed camera. Councilman Laci Latiolais asked what percentage the Town would receive. Chief Troy Dufrene the Mayor and the Council can set the fees. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested Chief Troy Dufrene gather all the comments and questions, so the camera people can provide the answers everyone is seeking.
- Warren Matherne – 126 B & R Lane –addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the building inspectors report on the second building located on his property. Councilman Willis Touns asked Mr. Warren Matherne if all the facilities were going to be removed from the building and Mr. Matherne stated yes. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving this item be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented a new pay schedule and an 84 hour work schedule for police officers including overtime. Councilman Jody Chermie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the new schedule. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene informed the Mayor and Council that he and the Police Officers continue to work with the Public Nuisance Ordinance regarding abandoned vehicles.

Chief Troy Dufrene informed the Council he does have a Police Officer undergoing examinations. Once he passes the examinations a name will be presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the February stats.

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Attorney Bryce Autin stated he mailed a certified letter to John Parker, 1504 South Bayou Drive. The Town Clerk informed the Mayor and Council, Mr. Parker did contact Town Hall and stated he would attend the March 15, 2021 meeting, but he also had people beginning to clean up.

Letters will be sent to both the property owner and the owner of the mobile home located at 152 Armand Street.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he is acquiring quotes to have the Civil Defense Building demolished.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga submit a letter of support to the Council on Watershed Management for the Larose Locks. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the Council with a letter of resignation from Mr. Lindberg Lorraine as representative on the Lafourche Council on Aging.

The Mayor and Council requested Attorney Bryce Autin send a letter to Dolphin Marine Towing to secure their building, due to damages from Hurricane Zeta.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving a resolution setting the starting pay of a newly hired Police Officer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot informed he received a complaint from Mr. Mark Charpentier regarding sewer overflowing on the ground from his neighbor. After a brief discussion Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a letter be sent to Mr. Chase Cheramie to inform him repairs should be done immediately. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Covid-19 Policy 80 hours of sick leave needed to be extended after a brief discussion, Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the 80 hours of sick leave due to an employee testing positive for Covid-19 be extended until December 31, 2021. Voting is as follows: Yeas: Councilman Mike Billiot, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Councilman Jody Cheramie asked if the Town could go back to delivering newsletters quarterly as in the past. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we have been trying, but it is very time consuming and the office staff will have to find time to put it together.

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated Lafourche Parish Sanitation Department sent out a new list of rules set forth by the new trash contractors. Everyone was presented with a copy.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any additional business to be discussed.

Mr. Carroll Terrebonne asked if it would be better for him to place his trash on South Bayou Drive or on Leon Street. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated either side would be picked up, but he recommended Leon Street.

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Councilman Jody Chermie asked if new stationary was ordered with the new Councilmen's on it. The Town Clerk stated the new stationary was ordered the day after Councilmen were assigned their commissions, but there was a problem with the order and it was delayed. The new stationary should be in before the next Council meeting.

Mr. Johnny Plaisance asked Mayor Joey Bouziga if we could contact someone regarding the bumps in the road from the resurfacing project of South Bayou Drive from Falgout Lane to the South end of Town. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would contact DOTD.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:20 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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