

May 3, 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 their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 8:07 P.M. at the LaSalette Center, 723 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357 a special meeting place due to Covid-19. The meeting was delayed due to a lengthy Public Hearing regarding the installation of an automated speed camera.

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, Missy Adams, Bryce Autin, Michael Bagala, Chloe Blanchard, Frank Boura, Carl Chauvin, Frip Cheramie, Kevin Cheramie, Bernadette Chouest, Matthew Chouest Sr., Paul Curole, Michael Davis, Lynne Duet, Brooke Dufrene, Nicol Dufrene, Chief Troy Dufrene, Oscar Ray Dufrene, Wilbert Gaspard, Raymond Gonzales, Salvador Gonzalez Jr., Dorian Grabaugh, Penny Guidroz, Mandy Himel, Bradley Landry, Kevin Landry, Kurt Leboeuf, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chet Louviere, Gerald Louviere, Drew Mayet, Peggy Norman, Hope Pitre, Roxxy Pitre, Tom Pitre, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, Kitty Prudhomme, McNeely Rome, Jeremiah St.Pierre, Victoria Stein, Carroll Terrebonne, Holly Terrebonne, Gwen Theriot, Rachel Trahan and Anthony Verdin.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called this meeting to order at 8:07 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 Pastor Matthew Chouest led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes from the meeting and Public Hearings held on Monday, April 19, 2021. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the Council move item D1 automated speed camera to the beginning of the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition in moving item D1 to the beginning of the agenda. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga to move item D1 to the beginning of the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the Council present their opinions regarding the automated speed camera. Mayor Joey Bouziga and all Councilmen voiced their concerns and opinions on the automated speed camera.

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Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded on moving forward to negotiate a contract and to create an ordinance on the automated speed camera. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Jody Cherie and Councilman Willis Touns; Nays: Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Laci Latiolais and Councilman Mike Billiot; Absent: none; Abstained: none. The motion failed due to a 3/2 vote in opposition of moving forward with negotiations.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the Building Permits as follows:

- Rose Plaisance- A meeting will be scheduled for the first meeting in June for re-zoning.

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

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

- Sewer Phase IV- Engineer has no progress on Sewer Phase IV, Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended giving 30 days to complete Sewer Phase IV. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded accepting the Mayor's recommendation to give the engineer 30 days to complete the project Sewer Phase IV. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Sewer Phase VI- Sewer Phase VI is completed Change Order No. 2 was presented requesting additional days but no additional funds. Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving Change Order No. 2 and the completion of Sewer Phase VI. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant- waiting on the State to return the paperwork.
- Sewer Phase VII- Town Clerk Jamie Liner stated the Town will receive a grant for \$990,000.00. Mayor Joey Bouziga requests Sewer Phase VII remain on the agenda. Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded approving Sewer Phase VII remain on the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Attorney Bryce Autin advised he had no new business to report.

Chief Troy Dufrene informed Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council he had nothing to report.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he's waiting on an appraisal of the Civil Defense Building.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council that repairs have begun on the Dolphin Marine building and Attorney Bryce Autin will be in contact with the owner on a time frame for the repairs to be complete.

Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended appointing Carroll Terrebone to represent The Town of Golden Meadow on the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the appointment of Carroll Terrebonne to the Lafourche Parish Council on Aging. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building reports as follows:

- Irvin "White" Cheramie- 124 Cheramie Lane will remain on the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving it remain on the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested the Baseball Field be removed from the agenda. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded to remove the Baseball Field from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot informed the Mayor and Council he spoke to a firm in reference to request funding for drainage and seawall projects. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the advertisement of the RFQ. The Council approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council about the LMA District J meeting in Patterson. Contact Town Clerk Jamie Liner if you plan on attending.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute the DOTD Maintenance Agreement for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 ending June 30, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to approve Roxxy Pitre be appointed to take and complete minutes under the supervision of the Town Clerk. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding to the agenda in reference to garbage cans. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in oppositions to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Councilman Jody Cheramie add garbage cans to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he has garbage can lids if anyone needs their lids replaced. The Council unanimously approved the motion.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any additional business to be discussed.

Councilman Willis Toups addressed issues on the DMV. No further information was presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene expressed his concerns about the wrong decision being made regarding the automated speed camera.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Mr. Gerald Louviere complimented the Town Officials, Staff and the Police Department on a job well done, keep it up.

Mr. Jeremiah St.Pierre requested the plant in the median near Oakridge Park be trimmed.

Drew Mayet addressed the Mayor and Council on an abandoned RV parked in front of his home for at least 5 years and is requesting the RV be removed. Councilman Mike Billiot would like to add to the agenda the removal of the RV and contacting the property owner. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving adding the RV to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to have the property owner contacted to have the RV removed from the property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Mayor and Councilmen on several occasions a utility trailer is parked on North Second Street.

Councilman Willis Toups requested information on when the meetings will be conducted at the Town Hall, Town Clerk Jamie Liner advised the first meeting in June.

Mr. Carroll Terrebonne stated his concerns on the road leaking near State Bank and standing water on the shoulder of the road near Pershing Street.

Mr. Johnny Plaisance stated speed bumps are not allowed in the Town of Golden Meadow.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adjourning this meeting at 9:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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