

September 20, 2021

Town of Golden Meadow
291 LA 3162
Cut Off, LA 70345

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at Binny B's, 291 LA 3162, Cut Off, LA 70345, a special meeting place due to Hurricane Ida.

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

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Julie Adkins, Bryce Autin, Frank Boura, Donnie Callais, Carl Chauvin, Nicol Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Madix Latiolais, Flower Nguyen, Lara Nguyen, Vu Nguyen, Roxxy Pitre, John Plaisance and Carroll Terrebonne.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called this 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 Town Attorney John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Kip Plaisance and Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Mike Billiot; Absent: Councilman Jody Cheramie.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no Building Permits were submitted for approval. The Mayor and Council advised all Entergy and Building Permit fees will be waived due to Hurricane Ida.

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

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

- Sewer IV- The manholes were lowered in the ground, we just need to make sure they settle correctly.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades- Waiting on the State.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG- Should have a package together this week.
- Mitigation Project- The Town is in line for money for the floodwall.
- Skate Park Pavilion- Put on hold due to Hurricane Ida.

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Town Attorney Bryce Autin advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and Council that a compliance order was delivered at 505- North Bayou Drive. The owner of the property sent in an appeal to the Department of Health. Town Attorney Bryce Autin sent in a public records request to get a status.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Mayor and the Councilmen that Officer Cameron Westbrook has a Doctor's appointment Tuesday, September 21, 2021 and he should be returning to work.

Abandoned Vehicles- Will remain on the agenda and will regroup after the Hurricane.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised there is nothing new to report on the Civil Defense Building.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Mr. White Cheramie's property was demolished, working with FEMA to clean-up.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised nothing new to report on 142 Malgum Lane.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised a hearing has been set for October 4, 2021 on 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin spoke to the Property Owner of 102 Louviere Lane, She advised him the mobile home is un-insured. The shed has been torn down and the hot water heater shed has been fixed. The Owner will keep the Town Attorney updated on the progress.

Chet Louviere- The trash pile has been picked up with Hurricane Ida debris.

The property owner located at 2621 North Bayou Drive, Chase Cheramie has a permit.

Julie Adkins was present for John Parker, Ms. Adkins explained to the Mayor and the Council the damages that were suffered due to Hurricane Ida. Ms. Adkins wishes for the Town to work with them during this time. Attorney Bryce Autin explained the Junk Yard Ordinance to Ms. Adkins and Councilman Kip Plaisance expressed his concerns on the dangers with the neighborhood kids. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion allowing 30 days to clean-up. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the field workers will get to the St. Louis lift station as soon as they can to repair the cement.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to take the Recreational Vehicle on Jefferson Street off the agenda, it has been moved. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented

Mayor Joey Bouziga gave an update on Hurricane Ida. In the last two weeks there have been some trying times. Mayor Bouziga thanked everyone who has helped out the Community in every aspect, the Mayor, Council and all employees. Entergy brought in a 425 KW generator to run the electric pump for the Pump Station. Entergy loaned generators to some local businesses and they are taking care of all fuel and maintenance. The National Guard is still being housed at the Town Hall. Thursday September 23, 2021 the Health Unit will be at the Town Hall from 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM for COVID testing and Vaccines. FEMA has been coming to the office on a daily basis but they requested to set-up at the Pavilion. Mayor Bouziga has been working with Parish President Chiasson to set up housing for citizens. It will be the choice of the Citizen whether they set up their housing in a camp ground or on their property, if they set up on their property they are responsible to follow the requirements of the Town.

Councilman Laci Latiolais has been working at the Town Hall with the grocery store, Sunday September 26, 2021 will be the last day for the store. All remaining items will be donated. Hot meals are lined up for the next few weeks. Councilman Latiolais thanked her team of workers for all their help.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Mayor and Council that he has been getting help from outside agencies to assist on the night shift to keep the looting down. LPSO set up a hotline to call if you'd like to prepare a hot meal or send donations.

Mayor Bouziga thanked the City of Rayne for their donations and the team of Trustees they sent to help with clean-up.

Mayor Joey Bouziga spoke to Parish President Chiasson, the curfew will remain in effect for the Town of Golden Meadow 10:00 PM-5:00 AM.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded to send a letter to the Owner of C&P Distributors to see what their intentions are for clean-up. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded to approve the May and June Budget to Actual Finance Report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion approving a letter to be sent to Roy Robino in reference to removing his boat from Oakridge Drive. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Carroll Terrebonne asked questions about FEMA and Building Permits. Town Engineer explained the Building Permit process.

Councilman questioned the chances of getting the Vac trucks to suck out drainage along the roadside. Mayor Bouziga advised that's a contract.

Carl Chauvin briefly discussed his concerns on FEMA, Building & Electrical Permits and Verizon Wireless phone service during Hurricane Ida.

Councilman Mike Billiot requested adding to the agenda waiving fees on Building Permits Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion. Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion agreeing to waive fees for Building Permits. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance requested the process to get a new trash can. Mayor Bouziga advised to contact Councilman Jody Cheramie who's in charge of sanitation.

Councilman Kip Plaisance suggested looking into Building Codes, too many people lost everything due to not being built to code, codes may be needed to help out. Town Engineer John Plaisance explained pretty much everything that was built to code held up.

Councilman Willis Toups advised everyone of a sink hole on Highway 3235.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:05 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

ROXXY PITRE, ASST. TOWN CLERK