

October 4, 2021

Town of Golden Meadow
107 Jervis Drive
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Golden Meadow Town Hall, 107 Jervis 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: Bryce Autin, Salem Borne, Frank Boura, Kevin Cheramie, DL Duet, Nicol Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Penny Guidroz, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Lincoln Martin, Cullen Orgeron, Hope Pitre, Roxxy Pitre, Thomas Pitre III, John Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Rusty Savoie, Holly Terrebonne and Rachel Trahan.

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 Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, September 20, 2021. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no Building Permits were submitted for approval. The Mayor advised demolition permits are not needed. Councilman Jody Cheramie requested it to be published in the newspaper.

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 be ready to advertise by the end of the month.
- 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-C 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 gave the Police stats for August and September.

Abandoned vehicles will remain on the agenda and we will regroup after the Hurricane. Councilman Willis Toups advised Chief Troy Dufrene there's a utility trailer parked on the side walk near Camley Lane. Chief stated he will take care of it.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the conduct of Officer Cullen Orgeron. Chief Troy Dufrene presented his recommendation to Mayor Bouziga and the Councilmen to terminate Officer Orgeron. Officer Cullen Orgeron stated his case. Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Mayor and Council if they don't go with his recommendation it would be a rough road for Chief Dufrene and Officer Orgeron. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to go with the recommendation of Chief Dufrene. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Jody Cheramie and Councilman Mike Billiot; Nays: Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups and Councilman Laci Latiolais; Absent: none; Abstained: none. The motion failed due to a 2/3 vote in opposition of terminating Officer Cullen Orgeron.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the emergency Officer hire is off the table.

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. The debris has to be brought to the curbside in order for it to be picked up.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised he will contact the property owner of 142 Malgum Lane in reference to clean-up.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded to give a 30 day extension to do repairs on the residence located at 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin will send the Property Owner of 102 Louviere Lane a letter in reference to repairs.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding to the agenda to send out letters via US Postal Service for condemned homes and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. Mayor Bouziga and the Council briefly discussed condemned homes. Councilman Willis Toups advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council there are 78 homes that can be condemned that's not counting businesses and trailer parks in the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

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Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council John Parker was given a 30 day extension to clean up his property.

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.

Mayor Joey Bouziga gave an update on Hurricane Ida. Everyday we're making progress. The pump by State Bank still doesn't have electricity. A Junior College sent a Baseball team with 38 players to come help clean the park, we are trying to get the park open as soon as we can. Mayor Bouziga thanked the Town workers for tiredly working throughout Hurricane Ida. The Golden Meadow Baptist Church will continue being a distribution site for a little longer. The Health Unit will now be located at the Town Hall Monday- Friday also October 7 and October 9, 2021 hot meals will be served at the Town Hall and October 16th, 23rd and 30th Red Cross will be at the Town Hall.

Mayor Bouziga and Chief Dufrene briefly discussed the July Budget to Actual Finance Report it will be voted on at the next meeting.

The Police Department is currently attempting to hand deliver letters to Roy Robino and John Parker.

Councilman Laci Latiolais addressed the homeless man living in Oakridge Park. Chief Dufrene will take care of it.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion approving to send out the Building Inspector to 148 Pierce Street. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to change the Mayor of Pro Tempore from Councilman Jody Cheramie to Councilman Mike Billiot. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments.

Daniel Lorriane spoke briefly on trash pickup throughout Lafourche Parish.

Rachel Trahan addressed the Mayor and Town Council on Halloween times in Golden Meadow and she requested to change the hours due to debris and no street lights. Halloween time will be 3:00 P.M.-6:00 PM.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding to the agenda changing the hours of Halloween and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding to the agenda. Halloween will be 3:00 P.M -6:00 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021. The Council also requested an ad be put in the newspaper. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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With no further business to discuss Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:25 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

ROXXY PITRE, ASST. TOWN CLERK