

November 15, 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, November 15, 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 Laci Latiolais
Councilman Mike Billiot
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Others attending were: Kevin Cheramie, Nicol Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Roxxy Pitre, John Plaisance, 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 Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 2, 2021. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated no Building Permits were submitted for approval.

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

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

- Sewer IV- Monitoring the area around the manholes.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades- It's on the agenda to approve the letter to the State.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG- Almost done designing the project.
- Mitigation Project- Ready to get with the Mayor to push the project.
- Skate Park Pavilion- The price is still good with the contractor.
- LGAP- Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adopting a resolution authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute any and all documents regarding the LGAP "2020-2021" grant for the construction of sidewalks in the amount of \$14,400.00. The council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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505 C- North Bayou Drive- No report.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the abandoned vehicles will remain on the agenda and we will regroup after the Hurricane.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented to Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council he has only received one application for the Police Officer position.

Councilman Mike Billiot requested adding to the agenda to hire for the Police Officer position and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council the pay will be \$16.00 an hour and a .50 cent raise after 6 months. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Upon Chief Troy Dufrene's recommendation to hire Austin Adams as a Police Officer with the pay of \$16.00 an hour and a .50 cent raise after 6 months. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to hire Austin Adams as a Police Officer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he has no update on the Civil Defense Building we will wait to see what the FEMA Consultant will say.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised he has no report on Mr. White Cheramie's property.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he has no update on 142 Malgum Lane.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented to send a letter to the property owner of 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane to appear at the next Council meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised we need to see if Chase Cheramie has applied for a demolition permit.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Bouziga and the Town Council that he's currently in contact with the Sherriff's Office where John Parker lives to serve Mr. Parker.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded to remove the St. Louis Street lift station from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Town Council with an update on the Golden Meadow DMV, currently we're waiting on a replacement glass for the front door. A Contractor came out and will do the repairs needed. Mayor Bouziga stated he's shooting for Monday November 22, 2021 for the DMV to be open.

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Town worker Salvador Gonzalez Jr., requested to put up an orange caution fence around the pool for safety reasons.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a 30 day extension was given until November 18, 2021 to Ken Plaisance of C&P Distributors but no effort has been made.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a 30 day extension was given until November 18, 2021 to Roy Robino. The boat near his house has been moved.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion requesting the Building Inspector be sent out to 148 Pierce Street. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Councilman Mike Billiot if he added Clerk to the agenda. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion for the following discussion be held verbatim and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Mike Billiot stated in a discussion with the Clerk she told me she is quitting or retiring, or whatever it is, in January. My concern is we really need to be running an advertisement to hire a new Clerk, just like the Chief, he advertised for a month for one applicant, I just think we need to start running an ad to hire a Clerk. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we are going to advertise for a Clerk. Mayor Joey Bouziga he does have to come up with criteria and then he does plan to advertise for Clerk. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated we advertising or maybe hiring someone in house. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he doesn't know, but it is his decision. Councilman Jody Cheramie asked the Clerk if she was retiring. The Town Clerk stated her retirement date is January 2, 2022, but her last day of work is February 20, 2022. The Town Clerk stated she did offer to stay on and work on the FEMA stuff and do the accounting until the Mayor can find someone. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated now we heard it from the horse's mouth. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if there were any other questions. Councilman Laci Latiolais thanked the Town Clerk for her 25 years of service and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded, The Clerk thanked them.

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

Councilman Kip Plaisance advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council of a broken sewer line at 133 Lefort Lane. Town worker Salvador Gonzalez, Jr. don't believe anyone lives at the residence. Mayor Bouziga and Salvador will get together this week.

Councilman Kip Plaisance advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that the Revenue Committee met today. A brief discussion took place. The Budget has to be approved by December 15, 2021. Bourgeois Bennett is working on the budget.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Hurricane Zeta. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding to the agenda Hurricane Ida and Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga spoke on the damages the Town of Golden Meadow structures suffered due to Hurricane Ida. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding to the agenda the Picou house on Pierce Street and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais stated the house is in deplorable condition. Mayor Joey Bouziga will contact the family about the house. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding to the agenda trash pick-up and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments or questions in opposition to adding the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie advised the trash truck will work all this week then they will take 8 days off and they will start back December 1, 2021. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Town Clerk Jamie Liner thanked Mayor Bouziga and the Town Council for allowing her to work for the Town for the last 25 years. Ms. Liner will continue working from home to complete the Hurricane work for FEMA. Mayor Joey Bouziga, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups and Councilman Laci Latiolais thanked Ms. Liner for her service.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:40 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

ROXXY PITRE, ASST. TOWN CLERK