

October 18, 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 18, 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, Frank Boura, Patrick Cronin, Nicol Dufrene, Toby Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Salvador Gonzalez Jr., Bradley Landry, Kevin Landry, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Cullen Orgeron, Roxxy Pitre, John Plaisance, Ken Plaisance, Cheryl Richmond, Kristal Robino, Roy Robino, Jordan Tabor, Carroll Terrebonne, 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 Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded approving the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 4, 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- The manholes are fine.
- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG- Should be ready to advertise by the end of next 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-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. Town Attorney Bryce Autin had to send in payment to cover the cost of the public records request, just waiting to get it back.

Abandoned vehicles will remain on the agenda and we will regroup after the Hurricane. Chief Troy Dufrene advised he's working on the camper near Chine's Net Shop.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Police Officer Austin Travis turned in his letter of resignation.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented for an emergency hire of a Police Officer. Louis Bourg was approved as a provisional hire. We need to advertise for the position. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to advertise to hire a Police Officer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the conduct of Officer Cullen Orgeron during a public meeting. Chief Troy Dufrene presented his recommendation to Mayor Bouziga and the Councilmen to terminate Officer Cullen Orgeron. Officer Cullen Orgeron stated his case. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups and Councilman Mike Billiot; Nays: Councilman Kip Plaisance and Councilman Laci Latiolais; Absent: None; Abstained: None. The motion passed with a 3/2 vote in favor of terminating Officer Cullen Orgeron.

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.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane was given a 30 day extension.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that 102 Louviere Lane was given a 30 day extension.

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

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to move forward on clean-up of the John Parker property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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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 Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion approving a Resolution to follow Lafourche Parish's Public Nuisance Ordinance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving to give Ken Plaisance of C&P Distributors 30 days to repair the conditions of his business. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving to give Roy Robino 30 days to remove the boat. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council we are waiting to see how things will turn out with the property at 148 Pierce St.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to accept the GOHSEP Cooperative Endeavor Agreement Hurricane Ida Project Management. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council of the damages at the Pavilion on Oakridge Park. The walls have shifted and repairs are needed before it can be rented. Rentals will be handled on a case by case basis.

Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding to the agenda the Basketball Pavilion 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 advised the Mayor and the Council that GMMS and SLHS need use of the Pavilion and requested the police do extra patrols. The Town will have the schools sign a hold harmless policy. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding to the agenda the Chief of Police hiring and firing without the approval of the Council. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups 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. State Representative Joseph Orgeron advised Mayor Bouziga that Chief Troy Dufrene reached out to State Representative Bryan Fontenot to suggest to the Legislative Government to authorize Chief Dufrene to hire and fire Police Department employees without the approval of the Council. State Representative Orgeron asked Mayor Bouziga if he's in support of this change, Mayor Bouziga stated he was not in favor of the change.

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Councilman Laci Latiolais requested adding to the agenda Trick or Treating in Oakridge Park Councilman Kip Plaisance 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 advised Lin Tran would like to look into doing Trick or Treat in the Park. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Dufrene question the hours for Trick- or- Treating. Trick -or- Treating will be Sunday October 31st from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. in the Town of Golden Meadow.

Councilman Mike Billiot requested adding voting precincts to the agenda 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. Councilman Mike Billiot advised of the voting precincts being moved due to Hurricane Ida.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine advised Thibodaux Regional Hospital will be at the Lasalette Center Thursday October 21, 2021 from 11:00 A.M. -1:00 P.M. giving out hot meals.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie 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