

August 1, 2022

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, August 1, 2022 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

Those absent were:

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Devin Dedon, Troy Dufrene, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, and Farrell 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 Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 18, 2022.

Chairman McNeely Rome of the Board of Adjustments advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that they are allowing the variance from 25 feet to 20 feet for the fence of John Parker Jr. at 1504 South Bayou Drive. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented. The Council unanimously

approved the motion as presented. For discussion, Town Engineer John Plaisance asked if it was 25 feet to 20 feet or 25 feet to 0 feet. Chairman McNeely Rome said it was 25 feet to 20 feet like you requested. Town Engineer John Plaisance said he requested 25 feet to 0 feet. Chairman McNeely Rome will look further into this. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if there was any more discussion from the Council. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended to the Council to give GIS authority to go out for bids to oversee construction and have the property owner pay for it. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie brought up the concern that we have litigation at another property and asked if we could be sued for this. Town Attorney Bryce Autin stated we could get sued for anything and we have been going through the proper processes. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project statuses:

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-working with Sal and Kip on electrical panel upgrades and we should have approval by the end of August
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-spoke with the Mayor and Sal about rerouting sewer line as it would interfere with the water line
- Mitigation Project-still trying to develop for an additional floodwall
- LGAP Grant 2021-still waiting—deadline of 8/5/22

Town Attorney Bryce Autin's Report:

- Waiting on rate sheet from Vu to designate Vu's Electric and write up contract for them to be the Town's emergency/part time electrician for storms
- For the drafting agreement with E&L for the demolition of 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane-it was drafted and they were starting sometime after August 1. The status has changed because the owner of the property has filed a lawsuit to The Town of Golden Meadow.
- Mr. Lincoln Martin filed a lawsuit for them to stop demolition on 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane. He has filed a temporary restraining order to stop any tearing down of the house—the hearing for this is 8/5/22.

Chief Troy Dufrene had no police business to discuss.

Advertisements are running with the public hearing for the ordinance adoption to be held 8/15/22 for the Civil Defense Building.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that E&L was supposed to begin demolition on or around 8/1/22. A lawsuit and temporary restraining order was filed, so no work can begin until this is settled.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he and Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier have a call on 8/3/22 (changed to 8/2/22) to discuss Hurricane Ida.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that a letter was sent to Thomassie Ice Plant on 6/29/22, and the deadline to clean the property is 8/28/22. Thomassie Ice Plant has started cleaning the property.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we are requesting prices and bids to clean up Terry Gaudet's property at 2018 South Bayou Drive. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated we will need to hire a building inspector to inspect the rear of the property. Councilman Willis Toups presented the motion to hire a building inspector and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded this motion as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that a letter was sent to Kendall Day on 6/22/22 for the Doucet Drive property that is listed on Air BnB. Mayor Joey Bouziga told Town Attorney Bryce Autin to send another letter for him to appear before the Council at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented the motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that an additional 30 day extension was granted for Roy Kiffe's property located at 136 B&R Lane. Deadline is 8/7/22.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Mr. McCall has until 8/22/22 to move the diesel tank that's near a vehicle on South Bayou Drive to Venice.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the Building Inspector Report for 132 Doucet Drive was received and it failed inspection. A condemnation hearing will be held on September 6, 2022. Councilman Willis Toups presented the motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded this motion as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A discussion took place about the Council's pay. Town Attorney Bryce Autin will look into different compensation plans and bring something in writing to the next council meeting. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that as of 7/25/22, the sewer leak on 162 Doucet Drive has been repaired. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to remove from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council are still seeking nominations for the Board of Adjustments and the planning and Zoning Committee. Attorney Bryce Autin is supposed to find out if the replacement for Craig Boudreaux has to live in town.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the CDBGP Consultant Services Agreement for Sewer Phase VII with S & L Enterprises. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract for Professional Services Valuation of Property for Sewer Phase VII with Lafourche Appraisal Services. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga wants to document we will only carry Fire and not Wind and Hail for the Town Hall Insurance as the Wind and Hail has gone up almost \$100,000.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we have sent out for 3 bids to repair the pumping station. We only received 2 back and we need all 3 bids for Fema to get some of the funds reimbursed.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier sent for 3 quotes to repair the DMV building. We received quotes back from Picciola and E&L Construction. We don't have to wait on a 3<sup>rd</sup> quote because we are going through the insurance and not Fema. Mayor Joey Bouziga suggested using Picciola as they have a better price. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga gave an update on Hurricane Preparedness. The field workers have done some sandbagging, gotten all of the generators serviced, and the pumping station serviced, so we are prepared for this Hurricane Season.

Councilman Willis Toups requested adding to the Agenda the hiring of a Building Inspector for houses in disrepair and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Audience Member Farrell Trahan mentioned that there was a 2 year wait with FEMA for house demolition.

The trash in yards was discussed. It was suggested that letters be sent out to residents to put trash at curb for pickup.

Councilman Kip Plaisance suggested we add Wi-Fi or Hot Spots around town for Residents. We no longer have a library and with school starting soon, students may need online access. It was suggested to talk to Eddie Callais. It was also stated that the next Library Board Meeting is in October. The motion was presented to add this to the agenda by Kip Plaisance and was seconded by Councilman Jody Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Audience member Farrell Trahan let everyone know they are having a fishing rodeo this weekend at Moran's for his deceased granddaughter.

Audience member Patricia Louviere asked if the Civil Defense building for sale will be for commercial use. Town Engineer John Plaisance stated it was in R3 Zone, which only allows for Home Occupations and Beauty Shops.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:50 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**RACHEL ROBICHAUX  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**