

August 15, 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 15, 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, Amanda Lassere, Paul Pechon, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, and Ed Voltolina.

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 Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 1, 2022.

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

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project statuses:

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-still looking for ways to spend the money from the state.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-still looking for alternate means or to relocate sewer line to adjust for the waterline in the way and for the devastation that Hurricane Ida did to that neighborhood. The project we have so far adds up to \$600,000 and the state only gave us \$175,000, so we are trying to get the project back down to \$175,000.
- Mitigation Project-still trying to develop for an additional floodwall. Mayor Joey Bouziga has a meeting with Parish President Archie Chaisson Thursday to discuss mitigation money received. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he thinks the seawall needs to be finished.
- LGAP Grant 2021-work was started on

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

Chief Troy Dufrene's Report of Police Department Stats for July:

- 279 calls for service
- 100 cases
- 74 citations
- 4 arrests

Councilman Mike Billiot presented the motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented for an adoption of an ordinance that the Civil Defense Building is no longer needed for a public purpose, and to propose selling it for an amount not less than the fair market value of \$26,000. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

For the John Parker Fence Permit, the Board of Adjustments had a second hearing on 8/15/22. Chairman McNeely Rome of the Board of Adjustments advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the fence would be a hindrance to the neighbor if it is put on the property line. Chairman McNeely Rome recommended that the fence be put up at an angle 10 feet to the front of the property. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented the motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga and Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier had their regular call on 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 cleaned the property about 90%.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Terry Gaudet's property at 2018 South Bayou Drive had 60 days to clean up the property (July 5<sup>th</sup>); council requested that we give him until the meeting on 7/18/22. A permit was filed for a building inspector on 8/4/22. Councilman Willis Touns presented the motion to get bids to get the property cleaned and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded this motion as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that another letter was sent to Kendall Day for the Doucet Drive property that is listed on Air BnB to appear at the 8/15/22 or 9/6/22 meeting. We received the signed certified card back that he received the letter.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that Town Attorney Bryce Autin spoke to Contractor Donald Vizier about tearing down the house at 136 B&R Lane. Bryce Autin spoke to Mr. Vizier on 8/9/22 and he will have to use his big excavator to tear that and another house down in Golden Meadow. He will have to shut down some streets, so Bryce Autin advised Mr. Vizier to get in touch with Mayor Bouziga to set this up.

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.

A condemnation hearing is scheduled for 9/6/22 for 132 Doucet Drive. The homeowner has received the letter mailed.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin brought a written draft for the council pay. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded the motion to discuss the draft further. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated: "The only question I had. I'm the one that misses most of the meetings. I was thinking of maybe letting this take effect next term, do everything. I talked to a couple of Councilmen. It doesn't really matter about doing it now. I don't want the people to think we are trying to make more money. It's the same thing. I'm just trying, because I'm the one that misses the most meetings. Ok, we can do it now. I just kind of wanted to state that. If you don't mind Ms. Tracee, can you put my statements verbatim?" Bryce Autin stated it will still be the same pay, you will just have an opportunity to be compensated if you miss a meeting. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded the motion to continue going forward with the draft.

The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Bryce Autin stated we will have to have a public hearing and asked if it can be the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September (9/19/22). Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to have the meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council are still seeking nominations for the Board of Adjustments and the Planning and Zoning Committee. Attorney Bryce Autin couldn't find anything stating that the replacement for Craig Boudreaux has to live in town.

Bourgeois and Bennett (Paul Pechon and Amanda Lasserre) presented the 2021 Final Audit Report for The Town of Golden Meadow.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement between Lafourche Parish Government and Town of Golden Meadow to receive 2.5% from the State of Louisiana's Parish Transportation Revenue Program Funding. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between REV and the Town of Golden Meadow for new office phone service. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Quick PD for ticketing software. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with AMS Services for ticket collections. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to approve July's Budget to Actuals Financial statements. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Picciola Construction awarding the additional work for the DMV repairs. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize the Mayor to approve an appropriation from sales tax to sewer fund for \$15,000. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to remove nominating someone to replace Ms. Dianna Toups for Golden Meadow Lafourche Council on Aging Board. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to advertise and hire a grass cutter for the town. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Council and Mayor Joey Bouziga that the Annual Trunk or Treat will be held at The Golden Meadow Park on 10/14/22 at 6:30 P.M. and if anyone would like to help or donate, contact Roxxy Pitre or Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Mr. Ed Voltolina of Dorsey Development discussed the abandoning or de-dedicating the Pershing Street Right of Way to build a Dollar General store. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to have a public hearing on 9/6/22 to discuss abandoning or de-dedicating the Pershing Street Right of Way. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that the Parish called and wants to pick up the dumpster they provided at the Golden Meadow Park at the North Sewer Plant. Mayor Bouziga will ask Parish President Archie Chaisson at their 8/17/22 meeting about keeping the dumpster for free. Otherwise, it will cost \$425.00 per haul.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Tracee Cloutier and Rachel Robichaux will be out 10/23/22-10/28/22 for the LA Municipal Clerks Institute.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we have collected \$59,874.95 from Hurricane Zeta Emergency Protective Measures.

Mayor Joey Bouziga recommended to the Council to close in the Town Barn Frame to protect the equipment. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to close in the Town Barn Frame and have Picciola Construction perform the work. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded the motion as presented to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation entitled The Estate of Lincoln J. Martin, Sr. Et Al v. Town of Golden Meadow, Suit No. C-145277 – Div. E – 17th Judicial District Court – Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

At 7:56 P.M., the Council went into Executive Session to discuss litigation entitled The Estate of Lincoln J. Martin, Sr. Et Al v. Town of Golden Meadow, Suit No. C-145277 – Div. E – 17th Judicial District Court – Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

There was no other business brought up to the Council.

There were no audience comments.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:06 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**