

September 19, 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 regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson, Alex Cheramie, Marc Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Mike Davis, Troy Dufrene, Penny Guidroz, Morris Hunter, Lloyd Ledet, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, District 54 Representative Joseph Orgeron, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, 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 Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of Public Hearing #1, to solicit public comments to approve an ordinance for the revocation and setting aside of the dedication of third street and that portion of Pershing Street situated west of North Alex Plaisance Blvd, held on September 6, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of Public Hearing #2, to solicit public comments to approve an ordinance modifying and fixing the compensation of the members of The Golden Meadow Town Council, held on September 6, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council that there were no Building Permits submitted for approval.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council that there were no Occupational Licenses submitted for approval.

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

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-should finish plans this week.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-should finish plans this week.
- Mitigation Project-has been working with the Mayor to get funding for the floodwall, additional drainage, and sewerage.
- John Parker Fence Project-still working on.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the hearing for Lincoln Martin is next week so he will have an update at the next meeting.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Department's August Stats as follows:

- 341 calls for service
- 175 cases
- 148 violations
- 1 arrest

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the sale of the Civil Defense building fell through. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to advertise the sale of the building to the public. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Engineer John Plaisance advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that he is still working on fence bids for the John Parker Fence Permit and will have an update at the next meeting.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that he and Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier are still having their bi-weekly conference calls with FEMA. The Mayor got a list together and there are still 189 damaged homes in the Town. Out of 189 damaged homes, there are only 31 houses on the list to be demoed by FEMA, but everyone that signed up didn't complete the paperwork to be demoed by FEMA. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to mail letters to the Citizens of Golden Meadow that still have damaged homes to see what their plans are. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Terry Gaudet's property at 2018 South Bayou Drive, is set for a Condemnation Hearing on 10/3/2022.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Mr. Donald Vizier got his small excavator fixed, and after he is done tearing down the old Port Commission building, he will be able to tear down 136 B&R Lane. He will not need the Police to stop traffic anymore.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that homeowner Florinda Verdin was given 90 days to make progress on 132 Doucet Drive, with a new deadline of 12/5/2022.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we only received one bid for the grass cutting. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to enforce the ordinance that your whole yard needs to be cut and cleaned, or you will be fined \$100/day for up to 5 days. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Council that we will have more information on Trunk or Treat as the event gets closer.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the dumpster at the park provided by Lafourche Parish should be back in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the materials have been delivered to close in the town barn. Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Mayor and the Council that the Town should put in an exhaust system to protect the equipment from the heat.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on the structural analysis inspection report for 114 Palmetto Lane for Gage Gisclair.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Council that he is receiving the following donations for Night Out Against Crime on October 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Golden Meadow Baptist Church-soft drinks and water
- Go-Bears-a slush or nacho machine
- Lafourche Parish Sherriff's Office-hot dogs and buns

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve the August budget to actuals financial statements. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to approve the Town making a LAMP investment into the Sales Tax Fund for \$660,000 due to increased rates for this account. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to renew the appointment of Mayor Joey Bouziga to the Local Community Development Board. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Krewe of Neptune is requesting a parade permit for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion as presented to approve the parade permit for Krewe of Neptune for Tuesday, February 23, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve a resolution for Mayor Joey Bouziga to request infrastructure funds of 2 million for sewerage and 3.4 million for drainage. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Huey Cressionie has debris and trash on his property at 2609 North Bayou Drive from tearing a building down. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented for the Town to mail Mr. Cressionie a letter to remove the debris. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Parish tried to pass a Parish Wide Tax 5 times that failed. Councilman Lorraine came up

with a District Sales Tax for the power lines above Larose all the way to the south end of the Parish that passed in 1997 for 20 years for Roads, Bridges, and Drainage=Road Sales Tax 2. The Parish Council is going to vote on consolidating Districts A and 2 Road Sales Tax into one Lafourche Parish Road Sales Tax.

There was no other business brought up to the Council.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments. Marc Cheramie, who lives down Cheramie Lane, asked about getting Speed Bumps installed down his street. The Parish has a procedure to follow and the Mayor said we will come up with our own procedure and have it for the next meeting.

District 54 Representative Joseph Orgeron asked Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council about the Capital Outlay Request Prioritization still being used for Dursette Street Drainage to which Mayor Joey Bouziga stated it is priority. The Mayor let Representative Orgeron know that when we come back for infrastructure, we would like a letter of support.

Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Lafourche Parish Council will be voting on 3 Propositions next week. The first Proposition is the consolidation of Districts A and 2 Road Sales Tax into one Lafourche Parish Road Sales Tax. The second and third Propositions are to still charge 7/10ths of a penny sales tax, but instead of 4/10ths going to Solid Waste for garbage pickup, that 4/10ths will go to Lafourche Parish School Board for Teacher raises, etc. These propositions are tethered together, so if one fails, they both fail. If Proposition 2 and 3 pass, garbage pickup will be charged on Lafourche Parish Citizen's Lafourche Parish Water District's bills for \$15.50/ month.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 8:00 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**