

October 3, 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 Laci Latiolais
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Terry Gaudet, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, Dwayne Rebstock, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, and Kyle Williams.

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 John Plaisance 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 19, 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-still working on.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-the plans were finished October 2 and should get to Lloyd Ledet, South Central Planning, and LCDBG within a couple of days.
- Mitigation Project-still working on funding.
- John Parker Fence Project-still working on.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Attorney Bryce Autin recommended to the Council that Roxxy Pitre replace Talia Randazzo as Clerk of Court for Mayor's Court. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to appoint Roxxy Pitre as Clerk of Court. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Jody Cherie.
- Attorney Bryce Autin recommended to the Council to appoint Jeray Jambon Jarreau as magistrate for Golden Meadow Mayor's Court. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to appoint Jeray Jambon Jarreau as magistrate for Golden Meadow Mayor's Court. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Jody Cherie.
- Attorney Bryce Autin recommended to the Council to that Jeray Jambon Jarreau get paid a flat fee of \$750.00/month. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented for Jeray Jambon Jarreau to be paid a flat fee of \$750.00/month. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Jody Cherie.
- Attorney Bryce Autin explained the Councilman Compensation Forms to the Councilmen.

Chief Troy Dufrene asked the Council if we could run an advertisement to hire another Police Officer to replace Luke Bellanger who quit. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the

running of an advertisement to hire another police officer. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we are advertising for proposals until October 17th for the Civil Defense Building.

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. Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Mayor and the Council that John Parker's boat is blocking the sidewalk. Attorney Bryce Autin is looking into what we can do about the boat.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that he and Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier are still having their bi-weekly conference calls with FEMA and everything is going very slow. The insurance will not cover the little pavilions in the trees, so Mayor Bouziga got some estimates to replace the canopies, and it will be about \$11,000 per canopy. Mayor Bouziga is meeting with another contractor on October 4th. Tracee mentioned there is also some donation money that can possibly be used for those repairs. Tracee also mentioned that the form letter for Golden Meadow Citizens with Hurricane Ida damage will be mailed out on October 4th.

Homeowner Terry Gaudet was present for the condemnation hearing for 2018 South Bayou Drive. After discussion, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to give Mr. Gaudet 2 weeks to tear down his structure. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Jody Cheramie.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Mr. Donald Vizier will be tearing down 136 B&R Lane next.

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 the Police Department will be issuing summons to approximately 2 dozen citizens for grass cutting. Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Mayor and the Council that they will start issuing summons on 10/4/2022.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that everything is moving along and in place for Trunk or Treat on October 14th.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the dumpster at the park provided by Lafourche Parish was returned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the materials have been sitting on the ground to close in the town barn.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Gage Gisclair's property at 114 Palmetto Lane failed the structural analysis inspection and a condemnation hearing needs to be set. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented to have the condemnation hearing on November 7th. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised the Council Night Out Against Crime is on October 4th at 6:00 PM and there will be a lot of food and festivities for the kids.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin still needs to mail a letter to Huey Cressionie at 2609 North Bayou Drive.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she enclosed an email about getting speed bumps down Cheramie Lane. Mr. Johnny Plaisance wants to add Dursette Street and Ms. Patricia Louviere want to add Washington Street to the list to possibly get speed bumps.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the roll down doors were installed at the Town Hall and DMV.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the 2015 Chevy Tahoe was sold at auction for \$6,800.00. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve the sale of the Chevy Tahoe. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Krewe des Couyons is requesting a parade permit for Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion for Krewe des Couyons to have their parade permit for Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that a building was built at 2213 North Bayou Drive (Jazlyn Geneve Lafont) without getting a permit. Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that he spoke to Ms. Lafont about going through the proper steps to get a permit and a variance if needed.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought up to the Council.

Councilman Mike Billiot advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that he wasn't able to attend the Library Board's special meeting, but Daniel Lorraine did and asked if he could speak about it. Daniel Lorraine advised Mayor Bouziga the Council that they will be setting up a Bookmobile at the Golden Meadow Town Hall 1 or 2 times a week.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Patricia Louviere asked about the letters being mailed to residents-if they were for houses that need to be demolished and repaired, and if they are supposed to be torn down by FEMA or not.

With no more audience comments, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais 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 Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Councilman Jody Cheramie.

At 7:54 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 Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** Councilman Jody Cheramie.

Upon resuming the regular town meeting, Town Attorney Bryce Autin recommended to Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that we hire a building inspector from South Central

Planning to check that the recommended repairs were made on Mr. Lincoln Martin's estate. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to hire the building inspector. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mile Billiot seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 8:12 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**