

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 2, 2023
Golden Meadow Town Hall
107 Jervis Dr.
Golden Meadow, LA 70357**

Mayor Joey Bouziga was present for the regular town meeting and called it to order on Monday October 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Council Member Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Town Citizen Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Mike Billiot, Kip Plaisance, Laci Latiolais, and Willis Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Marc Charpentier, Evan Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, James Dardar, Devin Dedon, Morris Hunter, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Joseph Orgeron, Martin Perkins, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Myles Rousse, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Town's regular meeting from September 18, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses:

A motion to approve the occupational license for Meticulous Momma, LLC Johanna Costel, located at 207 B and R Lane, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- Town Engineer Plaisance asked that the park concession stand variance be added to the agenda. A motion to add the park concession stand to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Town Engineer Plaisance explained that we will be needing an elevation variance for the park concession stand and asked that this be added to the building permits for the variance committee for the 10/16/2023 meeting. A motion to add the park concession stand elevation variance to the 10/16/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot;

seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Bids are due by 10/19/2023 and they will be having a pre-bid conference on 10/5/2023.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-awaiting 4 servitude acquisitions.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-received GOSHEP approval and is under review by FEMA.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier hasn't heard anything. Town Engineer Plaisance stated that notices should be sent out by 10/6/2023. State Representative Joseph Orgeron stated he has been following closely and they are telling him that we will hear something any day now.
- Infrastructure Grant application-Town Engineer Plaisance stated we will be going to the next step soon.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-loan approved. We are waiting on the rate study. The application was submitted for the Bond Commission approval. Town Engineer Plaisance turned in a preliminary set of plans and specifications and should have the final ones turned in by 10/6/2023.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-The contracts were sent to Facility Planning for review on 9/27/2023.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-The contracts were sent to Facility Planning for review on 9/27/2023.
- Lean to addition on Maintenance Building-will apply for Capital Outlay funding.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-The scope was sent to FEMA for approval on 9/25/2023.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Town Attorney Autin explained that a letter from John Parker was presented at the 9/18/2023 meeting asking for more time to repair 1504 S Bayou Drive because he couldn't agree to the bond at the time, so the Council decided to move forward with getting bids to demolish and remove 1504 S Bayou Drive, with bids due at the 10/16/2023 meeting. Town Citizen Martin Perkins is speaking on Mr. Parker's behalf. He explained the he is Mr. Parker's nephew and is also leasing 1504 S Bayou Drive. He explained under the town ordinance, he was not given proper notice due to Mr. Parker living out of the state. Mayor Bouziga asked Town Attorney Autin to look into this, but we are still planning to open demolition bids at the 10/16/2023 meeting.
- Council Member Plaisance advised Town Attorney Autin, Mayor Bouziga, and the Council that the camper at the end of Anatole Lane has been picked up, but the junk still remains. A motion to send a letter to clean up the junk, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- Town Attorney Autin advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they contacted Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, and there is no state law or statute against feeding the alligators, but 1 option would be to put signs up saying Do Not Feed the Alligators. A motion to introduce an ordinance against feeding the alligators, so it can be enforced by the police, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took

place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-Mayor Bouziga advised that they are still in the process of being completed.
- Police Department Equipment-Mayor Bouziga advised the body cameras are in use, but we have not received the dash cameras yet.
- Night Out Against Crime-Mayor Bouziga advised that it will be at the park on 10/3/2023 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive- Mayor Bouziga advised that the trailers are being used for other things throughout the Parish, but as soon as 1 becomes available, it will be put on North Bayou Drive.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the award was given out to put the street signs out, so that should begin in about 3 weeks.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Town Clerk Cloutier advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they had a discussion with a group this past Thursday to help assist with getting the money that was designated to the town. They had understood that anything not covered by FEMA or we received insurance proceeds on, but it wasn't enough to complete the repairs were recoverable with this grant, but this is not the case. Based on the call, the first items that they are looking to cover with this grant, will be the percent cost share by the town on all of our projects. We only have 2 projects that have been allocated at this time, so our cost share is not much on those 2 projects. Town Clerk Cloutier believes we will find the documentation to get the entire amount, but we are basically starting over.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the project was awarded and we are waiting on the contractor for the security lights and ceiling fans at the park pavilion.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on the parish to fix Ridgewood Blvd., Doucet Dr., and Norman St., but while waiting, the town's field guys did some repairs on Norman St., but it still needs to be on the parish list.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the playground equipment on order is expected in December.

Mayor Bouziga advised that we will receive a live demo on electronic tickets on 10/30/2023 at 2:00 PM, so the Council to consider revising the Policies and Procedures-Part XV Traffic Tickets/Misdemeanor Summons will be put on hold until the 11/6/2023 meeting.

Council Member Latiolais advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that we are considering buying ULINE garbage cans for the park to replace the plastic drums. They will look more presentable and be better at keeping critters out of the garbage. Field Supervisor Salvador Gonzalez Jr. wants the town to purchase 25 cans, but they are \$525.00 each, so we will do more research on this.

Council Member Latiolais advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that Trunk or Treat is on Friday, 10/13/2023 and everything is falling into place.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that there are no updates on any of the South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) properties.

New Business

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into a contract with Lafourche Parish Government for the purchase of a Starlink Flat High Performance Kit for mobile use, and authorizes the Mayor to pay the \$250 activation fee and the first 2 months of service at \$313 per month, which can then be put on a freeze until we need the service, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the Parish will pay for the unit and the shipping.

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to execute the service order with Yeates Mancil for the pool and crane survey assessments, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

A motion to approve a parade permit request for the Krewe of Lutins on Saturday 3/16/2024 at 1:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

A motion to approve a parade permit request for the Krewe des Couyons on Saturday 3/3/2024 at 1:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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

Lafourche Parish Fire District 3 Chief Devin Dedon advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that LPFD finally got approval from FEMA to tear down the blighted fire station in Golden Meadow, so their engineer is working on a demo package. They were hoping it would be done before the end of the year, but it looks like it won't begin until 2/1/2024. A motion to send Lafourche Parish Fire District a letter about the blighted fire station, to try to speed up the demolition process, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

District 54 State Representative Joseph Orgeron reminded Mayor Bouziga and the Council that Capital Outlay requests are due on 11/1/2023. He also advised that the Golden Meadow bridge repairs should begin on 11/1/2023.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:46 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**