

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 16, 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 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Council Member Kip Plaisance led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Willis Toups

Others attending were: Natalie Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Marty Bradberry, Mike Callais, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Mary Costello, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau, Erris Leboeuf, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Martin Perkins, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, Shane Rogers, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Town's regular meeting from October 2, 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:

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that Tracee and Rachel will be at the Clerk's Institute from 10/22/2023 to 10/27/2023.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that an interior door will be installed in the town hall.

Building Permits:

Board of Adjustments Chairman McNeely Rome advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they are recommending approving the variance request for the Recreation District concession stand. A motion to accept the Board of Adjustments' recommendation for the Recreation District concession stand, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Occupational Licenses:

A motion to approve the occupational license for Dollar General Store #25203, located at 1012 S. Alex Plaisance Blvd., as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member

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

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Bids are due on Thursday, 10/19/2023.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-awaiting 2 servitude acquisitions.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-received GOSHEP approval and is under review by FEMA.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-Town Engineer Plaisance explained they completed the LGAP application, but failed to submit it. A motion to remove the LGAP application from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (BRIC)-Town Engineer Plaisance stated we received an FMA grant, not a BRIC grant, and we are working on following up with some information that we will need to submit.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-loan approved.
 - A motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the issuance by the Town of Golden Meadow, State of Louisiana of its Taxable Excess Revenue Bond (DEQ), in an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000), and providing for other matters in connection therewith, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
 - A motion authorize the Mayor to execute the Commitment Agreement with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in reference to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
 - A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Loan and Pledge Agreement with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in reference to the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-contract comments received from Facility Planning on 10/11/2023 and are under review. GIS is scheduled to do the survey the week of 10/23/2023.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-contract comments received from Facility Planning on 10/11/2023 and are under review. GIS is scheduled to do the survey the week of 10/23/2023.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-The scope was sent to FEMA for approval on 9/25/2023.
- New LGAP application for 2023-2024 (Handicap Sidewalk). Mayor Bouziga stated he spoke to Council Member Latiolais and she advised that handicap parking by the skateboard ramps is needed more.

- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the new Capital Outlay requests for fiscal year 2024-2025 are due 11/1/2023 for projects-Dursette-Pershing Drainage, Jefferson Street Drainage, Oakridge Park Drainage, Maintenance Building 30x80 Lean To (to replace Equipment Shed) and Martinez Drainage. Mayor Bouziga advised Town Engineer Plaisance that we will be adding 1 more project to the list. Council Member Billiot wants to add getting the culverts cleaned out, but wants to get a dollar amount.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- Condemnation Hearing for 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Martin Perkins)-Martin Perkins is present for his condemnation hearing. South Central Planning's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan inspected 1504 S. Bayou Dr. today and explained that there have not been any significant structural changes made since the 12/2022 inspection report. There is still junk and debris around the property. Mr. Perkins advised the Council that he has made improvements since the 10/2/2023 meeting. The Council had a discussion on their wishes.
- A motion to open the sealed demolition bids, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups:

- BM Construction-\$42,600

- DTB Contractors-\$54,080

A motion to issue a condemnation order and to give Mr. Perkins until the 11/6/2023 meeting to repair or demolish the structure, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; but there was no second made, so therefore the motion failed. A motion to issue a condemnation order and to give Mr. Perkins 7 days to repair or demolish the structure, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

- Camper at the end of Anatole Ln-Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Town Attorney Jarreau, Mayor Bouziga, and the Council that a letter was mailed to the land owner on 10/10/2023 to clean the property and mow the grass, but we have not received the green confirmation card back yet.
- A motion to introduce an Ordinance prohibiting the feeding of alligators in Oakridge Park and once approved to put up signs; and to also have a public hearing on the matter, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. Town Citizen Shane Rogers discussed with the Council why he was against the Ordinance. A motion to have a public hearing on this matter on 11/6/2023 at 6:30 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-The Sheriff's Office is still working on the reports.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised the body cameras are in use, but we have not received the dash cameras yet.
- Night Out Against Crime-Chief Dufrene advised that it was a success and people enjoyed themselves. A motion to remove Night Out Against Crime from the agenda, as presented, was

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

- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive-Chief Dufrene advised that we are waiting on an available reader.
- Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the next item on the agenda-Council to authorize the Mayor to execute a Virtual Academy Solution Agreement for 5 officers at a 3 year commitment rate of \$145 per officer needs to be changed to a 1 year commitment rate of \$145 per officer. A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Virtual Academy Solution Agreement for 5 officers at a 1 year commitment rate of \$145 per officer, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- September Stats:
 - 766 calls for service
 - 160 cases
 - 119 citations
 - 2 arrests

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that there are no updates.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that there are no updates.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the contractor will begin work on the security lights and ceiling fans at the park pavilion next week.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on the parish to fix Ridgewood Blvd., Doucet Dr., and Norman St.

Town Clerk Cloutier advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that we will receive some of the playground equipment on 10/19/2023-handicap swing, see-saw, and slide.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that considering revising the Policies and Procedures-Part XV Traffic Tickets/Misdemeanor Summons will be put on hold until the 11/6/2023 meeting.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that if we if there is some leftover money from the Recreation District, we can use our portion towards the Uline trash can purchase.

Council Member Latiolais advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that Trunk or Treat was very successful and would not be possible without the community's help with donations and volunteers. The Lafourche Parish Deputies estimated that we had between 3,500-4,000 people at peak. A motion to remove Trunk or Treat from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council

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

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the updates on the Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Ln.-Gloria Bouzigard-This property was demolished and the Attorneys will be filing a lien for costs. A motion to remove BC 1016 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin-The Council received 3 sealed bids for demolition:
 - DTB General Contractors-\$7,200.00
 - Adams Land and Property Management-\$6,500.00
 - BM Construction-\$4,800.00

A motion, as presented, to accept the bid from BM Construction for \$4,800.00 to demolish BC 1017 was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Ln.-Gloria Bouzigard-This property was demolished and the Attorneys will be filing a lien for costs. A motion to remove BC 1018 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1022-213 N Bayou Dr.-Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-Attorney Ad Hoc Eugene Gouaux III is present via zoom. Demolition began on BC 1022 on 10/16/2023. Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux III has not had contact with any of the family members. Town Attorney Jarreau advised Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux III that work did begin today.

New Business

A motion to approve September's Budget to Actuals Financial Statements, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

A motion to approve the 2024 Town of Golden Meadow meeting schedule, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lafourche Appraisal Services which includes the updated scope of work to add the additional 12-15 lots that were not part of the original agreement, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

A motion to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #2 to the GIS Professional Services Agreement for the completed work on the Drainage Canal, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

A motion to approve the parade permit request for the Krewe of Athena on Friday, February 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Council Member Cheramie advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council the Parish pulled the boom truck out of Golden Meadow and moved it to Thibodaux. The Parish is supposed to send a bigger one, but it won't fit down the streets.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the new Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. SCPDC was unable to make service via certified mail, so they will have the Chief hand deliver the letter. We will have the condemnation proceedings at the 11/20/2023 meeting.
- BC 1025-102 South Bayou Dr.-Tim Callais-SCPDC did receive service on this property via certified mail and the property has been torn down. There is still debris on the slab, so we will leave BC 1025 on the agenda for now.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Dr.-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-SCPDC did receive service on this property via certified mail. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan reported that there are 2 structures on the property. There has been no work on the structure in the front. The roof has been removed, but there are still some walls up on the secondary structure. A motion to issue a condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance, and seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups. A motion to give them 30 days, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot, and seconded by Council Member Cheramie. Before any voting could be done, Council Member Plaisance recused himself from the first motion that was made because he is related to them. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, with an update at the 11/20/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, and seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1028-805 South Alex Plaisance Blvd.-Ricky Louviere (L&S Rentals). SCPDC did receive service on this property via certified mail. Town Clerk Cloutier advised she spoke with Mr. Rickey and Ms. Mona. They have signed a contract with a contractor to have it torn down and it should be torn down by the end of October. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan reported that there have been no changes made since the initial inspection. SCPDC Watkins recommends issuing a 30 day condemnation order. He stated that according to the USPS website that the letter was delivered; they just haven't received the green confirmation card back. A motion to issue a 30

day condemnation order, with an update at the 11/20/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot, and seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

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

Council Member Cheramie congratulated Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine on his win.

Council Member Plaisance reminded that there would be a parade this weekend, so we would need to pass the street sweeper.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Town Citizen Mary Costello stated she spoke to Chief Dufrene about people walking through her yard in the middle of the night and asked for more patrolling to be done in that neighborhood. She said they patrolled the next night, but it slacked off again and she asked that they can please patrol her neighborhood at night. Chief Dufrene stated he would have his officers patrol her neighborhood more. Ms. Costello asked what happened to the curfew. Council Member Latiolais let her know that the Council lifted it. Chief Dufrene stated that the adult curfew goes against civil rights and it was never enforced. Mayor Bouziga asked Town Attorney Jarreau to check if it would go against an adult's civil rights.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:16 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**