

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 Monday, February 6, 2023 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 Cherie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were:

Others attending were: Frank Boura, Marc Charpentier, Kevin Cherie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, James Dardar, Nicol Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Walker Guidry, Jeray Jarreau, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, John Parker, Rachel Robichaux, 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 Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to defer Town Engineer John Plaisance's project status report to the February 20th meeting as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jambon's Attorney Report:

- Recommendation for 90 Day Clause-had a committee meeting today and should have a revised version to present to Council at the February 20th meeting.
- Remote Work Policy-had a committee meeting today and needs to research the insurance ramifications before presenting a policy to the Council.
- Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau asked if we could add 2 of the houses on the South Central Planning Demo list to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to add 2 of the houses on the South Central Planning Demo list to the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated that there are 2 houses on the South Central Planning Demo list and we will need to appoint an attorney to represent those unopened successions. Assistant Attorney Jarreau recommends hiring Eugene Gouaux III as Attorney Ad Hoc to represent these unopened successions. Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to hire Eugene Gouaux III as Attorney Ad Hoc to represent these unopened successions as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Assistant Attorney Jarreau to have Eugene Gouaux III to send her a rate sheet.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that we received the packages on the first 7 homes from South Central Planning, where they have already completed title work on the properties, so South Central Planning is now in the process of sending out notifications by certified mail.

Chief Troy Dufrene's Police Business:

- Speed Humps-Chief Dufrene spoke to Lieutenant Andrew Labat, who said the jump drive they put in the equipment to do the surveys is not working, so once that gets fixed, he will get with Chief Dufrene to see where the surveying equipment needs to go to do the studies. Assistant Town Attorney advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she pulled the Parish Ordinance on traffic calming devices that dictates the process you have to go through and she will get it to the Council for informational purposes.
- New Police Officer-Chief Troy Dufrene would like to hire Brett Adams as the new Police Officer starting at \$18.50/hour, with a \$0.50 raise after 6 months. He is Level

He is Certified and is currently a Jailer at the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office. He will have to go through some of the Police Academy, but not all of it. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to hire Brett Adams as the new Police Officer starting at \$18.50/hour, with a \$0.50 raise after 6 months as presented.

- Chief Troy Dufrene presented a letter to the Council, which was in reference to a Confidential Memo presented to the Council at the January 17, 2023 Meeting.

Homeowner John Parker was present for the condemnation hearing for 1504 South Bayou Drive. John Parker has been cleaning the property up, and after discussion, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to give Mr. Parker until the 2/20 meeting for an update as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received the materials for the canopy for the pumping station and construction should begin this week. Councilman Jody Cheramie asked about the roll down shutters in the front of the DMV building not having electricity hooked up to them. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the electrical work was started today for the DMV.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Huey Cressionie at 2213 North Bayou Drive was advertised on 1/12/2023 and 1/13/2023 and there is nothing new to report.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that The Board of Adjustments is waiting on a survey for 2213 North Bayou Drive (Jazlyn Geneve Lafont) from Stephanie Griffin in order to proceed. Mr. McNeely Rome advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that one of The Board of Adjustments members spoke to Ms. Griffin today and they are waiting on Mr. Angelette to come survey the property.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that work on the Senior Citizen Building is complete and that Assistant Attorney Jeray Jarreau's organization Bless Your Heart Nonprofit will pay for the caulking and painting for the building; we just have to supply the paint. Councilman Laci Latiolais said we will set a new date for the volunteer day.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Scott A St. Pierre at 104 Theriot St. was advertised on 1/12/2023 and 1/13/2023 and there is nothing new to report.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Sheila Picou and Others' property at 104 Pierce St. condemnation hearing is set 3/6/2023, but in the meantime, there is work being done to the house.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Samuel and Allison Rankin's property at 162 Washington St. condemnation hearing is set 3/6/2023.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to approve the Krewe des Lutins Parade Permit for Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 1:00 PM as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to approve the Krewe des Bebettes Parade Permit for Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Joey Bouziga to sign the Bourgeois and Bennett Engagement Letters for 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie suggested getting quotes from other Auditors.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Joey Bouziga to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as of December 31, 2022 for the year then ended as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to authorize Mayor Joey Bouziga to sign a resolution which assigns official titles to the office staff as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that River Birch is doing a good job cleaning up trash along LA1 and Hwy 3235, but with Mardi Gras coming, we need to keep on top of it. Councilman Jody Cheramie advised the Mayor and the Council that River Birch will be coming back Thursday or Friday to clean the front road to prepare for the parade. Mayor Bouziga asked the Council to think about passing an ordinance for trash disposal because it has been getting out of hand. Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that there is a dumpster at the North Plant that our Residents can use on the days that the Town Hall is open.

Councilman Jody Cheramie asked if it would be an option for the town to buy their own truck and haul away trash for the Residents. Mayor Bouziga stated that if we buy another truck, we would have to hire more employees. Chief Troy Dufrene suggested notifying the Town Residents that we have a dumpster at the North Plant. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he would like to appoint a committee consisting of Councilman Jody Cheramie and Councilman Willis Toups to decide what to do about trash along the road. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to go forward with the committee as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to approve the January 2023 budget to actuals finance report as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he would like them to go look at the Senior Citizens Ceramic Shop and he recommends either demolishing or selling the building. Some people have inquired to Mayor Bouziga about purchasing it, but the Mayor let them know we have to follow a process before we can sell it.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received Sal's new maintenance vehicle last week.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if we could add the approval of the ordinance revoking and setting aside the dedication of portions of Pershing St., Third St., and Washington St. to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to add the approval of the ordinance revoking and setting aside the dedication of portions of Pershing St., Third St., and Washington St. to the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to approve the ordinance revoking and setting aside the dedication of portions of Pershing St., Third St., and Washington St. as discussed in the public hearing as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if we could add park vandalism to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to add park vandalism to the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that there is vandalism and graffiti at the park and it is getting out of hand. He also advised the Council we are waiting on Entergy to hook the power back up to run the cameras.

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

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she thinks Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier is doing a good job at her job and is looking out for the town, and she wants to commend her on the job she does. The discussion got very heated.

Councilman Jody Cheramie asked Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council if the Fire Department was getting help for their deplorable conditions. Councilman Laci Latiolais advised the Mayor and the Council that the Fire Department is working with Fema to move forward.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Marc Charpentier thanked Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council for allowing them to have the 2 parades in Town that were on the agenda tonight.

Marc Charpentier brought up that they used to have dumpsters at the boat launch. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that it was many years ago when Rudy King was a Councilman, and he was having to go pick up trash every morning because it got out of control. Marc Charpentier asked if the expense for the dumpster at the North Plant was on the Town or the Parish and Mayor Bouziga let him know it was the Parish.

Councilman Willis Toups asked Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine what the update on the Golden Meadow Bridge is, because it is causing a lot of traffic in the town. Lafourche Parish Councilman Lorraine said he doesn't hear very much about it, but he did hear they are supposed to be looking at it in July. Lafourche Parish Councilman Lorraine thinks the new Galliano Bridge will be complete before the Golden Meadow Bridge is fixed.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked what happened to the School Resource Officer that used to be in the School Zone. Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau said she could call someone with the Parish to see what was going on.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion adjourning this meeting at 8:01 P.M as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**