

June 19, 2023

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, June 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM 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 Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were: Councilman Laci Latiolais

Others attending were: Stephanie Bollinger, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Cullen Curole, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau, Daniel Lorraine, Joseph Orgeron, Lisa Pitre, Wade Pitre, Stella Mobley, Rachel Robichaux, 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 Kip Plaisance led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Hearing #1 held on June 5, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Hearing #2 held on June 5, 2023 as

presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Meeting held on June 5, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he received 3 quotes for the painting and blasting at the pump station. This includes blasting the hard iron, hand rails, engines, pumps, and discharge pipes:

- \$110,186.00 from Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc.
- \$121,000.00 from Powerhouse Commercial Construction, Inc.
- \$184,500.00 from E&L Enterprises, Inc.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to hire Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. for the painting and blasting at the pump station as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Laci Latiolais. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to have Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau to draw up an agreement between the Town of Golden Meadow and Grand Isle Shipyard, Inc. for the painting and blasting at the pump station as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Laci Latiolais.

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

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

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-Discussing alternative upgrades. Town Engineer Plaisance stated that they discussed breaking up the project to get less expensive bids and they are trying to get prices for concrete plants.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-awaiting servitude acquisition and subsequent advertising. Town Engineer Plaisance advised that he met with Sybil and Lloyd Ledet on 6/15/2023 and gave them some additional information on the properties; and the Town Attorneys were helpful as well.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-approved by the State and awaiting Federal approval.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-under review.
- Infrastructure Grant application-under review.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer)-under review. Town Engineer Plaisance advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the town received a letter from the State of Louisiana, approving the \$750,000.00 loan for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program. He explained that they are trying to get the details about the loan forgiveness before the Council makes a final decision.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's report as follows:

- Council to consider approving Ordinance Amendment to GM Ordinance No. 437 regarding payment of health insurance premiums for certain retirees; deferred to 7/5/2023. Town Attorney Jarreau advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that her and other Town Attorney Bryce Autin will come up with a few options before presenting them to the Council.
- Attorney to provide notice of costs to Ad Hoc Attorney for 162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin). Town Attorney Jarreau will discuss when Ad Hoc Attorney Shaun George calls in for his zoom condemnation hearing.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps for Chermie Lane, Washington Street and Dursette Street. Chief Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that he is still waiting on The Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to bring the equipment down once it is free.
- May Stats
 - 618 calls for service
 - 183 cases
 - 143 citations
 - 189 violations
 - 3 arrests

Hurricane Ida repairs-Oakridge Park, Pump Station, Streets, Lift Station, and FEMA report-Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Oakridge Park is complete. He stated that the windows are on backorder and they still need to put the air conditioner in at the Pumping Station. He advised that when they had single wall tanks, the engine used to suck the fuel out of the tanks. Now that they have double wall tanks, they will need to put a pump on them. They are trying to design it where they will put some alternators on there, but if the alternators go out for a storm, we will need a backup. Mayor Bouziga stated that they are looking into a panel to be able to switch to generator power for when the power goes out to have a backup. Mayor Bouziga stated he got the 3 prices for the pump station and now FEMA will have to approve one of them.

Councilman Willis Toups left the meeting at 7:13 PM.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Update on use of funds. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier stated that she submitted the paperwork to Lafourche Parish on 6/15/2023 to support the entire \$205,407.00. Lafourche Parish's deadline to get it into the state is 6/30/2023.

133 Chermie Lane (David Chermie)-tall grass and debris- confirm work completed based on pictures as of 6/6/2023. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Chermie seconded the motion to remove 133 Chermie Lane (David Chermie)-tall grass and debris off of the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he hasn't heard anything back from Laura Sanders for a possible 2nd Library-2-Geaux location.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau advised the Council that Attorney Ad Hoc Shaun George is present via Zoom to provide notice of costs to him for 162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin). On 6/14/2023, Town Attorney Jarreau sent a letter to Ad Hoc Attorney George indicating that the total cost associated with the condemnation of the property, including Attorney's fees, is \$6,125.00. Attorney Ad Hoc George provided a recitation to Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council of the efforts he has made to locate the heirs, unsuccessfully, before the condemnation hearing. Attorney Ad Hoc George confirmed that he received the notice to be heard detailing the condemnation costs from Town Attorney Jarreau on 6/14/2023. Town Attorney Jarreau asked Attorney Ad Hoc George if he had any legal defense of the Rankins not being tasked with the cost associated

with the demolition of the property and he stated no. Town Attorney Jarreau stated since we have given Attorney Ad Hoc George an opportunity to be heard, and there is no defense, we are able to move forward with getting a lien against the property.

1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker)-condemnation hearing is scheduled for 6/19/2023. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau advised the Council that Attorney Ad Hoc Shaun George is present via Zoom. Town Attorney Jarreau explained to Mayor Bouziga and the Council that initially a certified letter was sent Mr. Parker to appear for a condemnation hearing, with the condemnation report attached to his last known address and left unclaimed. Attorney Ad Hoc George provided a recitation to Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council of the efforts he has made to locate the Mr. Parker. Since 5/23/2023, Attorney Ad Hoc George has been unsuccessful with contacting Mr. Parker. Town Attorney Jarreau explained that she drove by the property today and there does not seem to be any improvements since the last inspection completed on 12/13/2022. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to issue a 7 day condemnation order as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's Cullen Curole presented the updates on Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1006-110 Pelican Lane-Estate of Faustin Borne/Marcess Calais Borne/Julie Borne Galliano; Demolition completed 5/26/2023; next action-demand letter to be sent by SCPDC. SCPDC's Stephanie Bollinger sent the invoice over to Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier.
- BC 1008-153 Nichols Street-Jody Pitre/Monique Pitre-Re-inspection passed but needs a new roof; deferred until 6/19/2023 meeting. Homeowner is not present. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Mr. Curole to send another letter out for homeowner to appear at 7/5/2023 meeting. Mayor Bouziga also stated we should start charging the customer when we have to mail them another letter, when they don't respond to the first one.
- BC 1009-145 Terrebonne Lane-Marlene C Trahan, On Behalf of Earlia Trahan Arceneaux/Cheramie & Sunday, LLC, Jenna Cheramie-Condemnation Orders issued for 5/4/2023 but gave 30 day extension to 6/3/2023 and Condemnation Order issued for Earlia Arceneaux for 4/23/2023; next update from homeowner on progress due 6/19/2023. Chief of Police Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that Ms. Sunday's husband had to go to the hospital, so they would not

make it for tonight's meeting. Mayor Bouziga asked Mr. Curole to send the building inspector out to check the property this week.

- BC 1013-137 Delgrandile Lane-Ethel Boudreaux; as of 6/5/2023 work is not complete-roofing material is on the ground. A letter was mailed to Ms. Boudreaux to pick up the debris, dated 6/14/2023, and the homeowner was given 30 days to comply. SCPDC will send the building inspector out before the 7/17/2023 meeting, so we should have an update then.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Lane-Sherry Griffin Demere-condemnation hearing on 6/19/2023. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated that the agenda states that the condemnation hearing is tonight, but she doesn't think that is correct because we don't have service on it. She advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that she and other Town Attorney Bryce Autin have done extensive research on the property and Sherry Demere is the owner. Town Attorney Jarreau stated that repairs have been made on the house and she doesn't believe it is condemnable anymore. Mayor Bouziga asked Mr. Curole to send the building inspector out to check out the property.
- BC 1017-112 Delgrandile Lane (OWNER UNKNOWN)-tabled until more research is done; Wade Pitre advised on 5/1/2023 that he will begin cleaning. Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to send a building inspector to inspect BC 1017 and BC 1018 before the 7/17/2023 meeting; and to give Wade Pitre until the 7/17/2023 meeting to give an update for BC 1017 and BC 1018 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.
- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane (OWNER UNKNOWN)-tabled until more research is done; Wade Pitre advised on 5/1/2023 that he will begin cleaning. A motion was made on the previous item to send a building inspector to inspect BC 1017 and BC 1018 before the 7/17/2023 meeting; and to give Wade Pitre until the 7/17/2023 meeting to give an update for BC 1017 and BC 1018. Town Attorney Jarreau will send pictures of BC 1016, BC 1017, and BC 1018 to SCPDC and discuss with them so the ownership issues will be cleared up.
- BC 1020-194 Pierce Street-Adam John Bourgeois-condemnation hearing on 6/19/2023; property is torn down but debris remains. Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the debris is clear. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to remove this item from the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip

Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Touns; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

- BC 1022-513 North Bayou Drive-Denise Richoux-Notice of Condemnation Hearing set for 6/5/2023; need to appoint Ad Hoc Attorney for owner. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that Denise Richoux is not the owner, but is just paying taxes on the property. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to hire an Ad Hoc Attorney as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Touns; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to declare the scrap tin that has been removed from the Senior Citizen's building roof as surplus junk and no longer needed for a public purpose as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Touns; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine asked Mayor Bouziga and the Council for their support of the Lafourche Parish Council resolution to reopen the South Lafourche Nursing Home. He stated that The Department of Health would be making the ultimate decision, but the nursing home will be under new ownership. Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to approve a resolution in support of the Lafourche Parish Council's Resolution to reopen the South Lafourche Nursing Home as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Touns; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

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

State Representative Joseph Orgeron advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Legislative Session is open and they have capital outlay for 3 of the projects that The Town of Golden Meadow put in for:

- Armand/Alcide Drainage Project-receiving \$610,000.00 in direct funding

- Replacement for Sewer Lift Station at Williams-receiving \$205,000.00 in direct funding
- North Sewage Treatment Upgrade-receiving \$164,000.000 in direct funding

State Representative Joseph Orgeron advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Contract/Scope of Work Award will be awarded on 8/8/2023 for the Golden Meadow Lift Bridge repairs. He also advised that the painting, sand blasting, and possible gear box rebuild for the Golden Meadow Lift Bridge will be done in 2027.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to add having John Plaisance move forward with the Capital Outlay projects as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Town Citizen Marc Charpentier spoke about the drainage issues/flooding on Armand and Fred Street.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to have John Plaisance move forward with the Capital Outlay projects as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Town Citizen Marc Charpentier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the flooding on Armand and Fred Street comes from Galliano, from West 217th Street, so it's a Lafourche Parish drainage issue. Mayor Bouziga stated that Town Engineer John Plaisance will be considering all factors.

Town Councilman Jody Cheramie advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the truck is in town picking up trash.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine thanked the Council for passing the Resolution in support of the Lafourche Parish Council on the South Lafourche Nursing Home.

Town Citizen Marc Charpentier asked if the small baseball field at the park can be played on and Mayor Joey Bouziga told him yes.

Town Citizen Wade Pitre stated that there is a large stump on the corner of Delgrandile Lane and Highway 1 that vehicles may hit due to there being no shoulder on Delgrandile Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised we can send a letter to the property owner.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to add sending a letter to the property owner about the stump on the corner of Delgrandile Lane and Highway 1 to the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to send a letter to the property owner about the stump on the corner of Delgrandile Lane and Highway 1 as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier to have Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez Jr. take a picture of the stump. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais.

Town Citizen Wade Pitre asked how often does the truck pick up trash and Councilman Jody Cheramie said not often enough, but he is working on that.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion adjourning this meeting at 8:02 P.M. as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**