

July 5, 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 Wednesday, July 5, 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 Laci Latiolais
- Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were:

Others attending were: Charles Bertrand, Stephanie Bollinger, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Jody Pitre, Lisa Pitre, Wade Pitre, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, and Tom Watkins.

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 Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Meeting held on June 19, 2023, with the exception of the 2 paragraphs talking about the stump on Delgrandile Lane presented. Councilman Mike Billiot stated they were the same paragraphs, but upon further investigation, one is the motion to add sending a letter about the stump to the agenda and one is the motion to send the letter. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie,

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received a proposal from Molinere Enterprises for the drainage canal debris removal to clean out the reservoir canal from the north end to the Pumping Station. Councilman Willis Toups asked if the trash bins in the canal would be cleaned out. Mayor Bouziga stated that would be part of the cleanup. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Molinere Enterprises for the drainage canal debris removal 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received a proposal from Molinere Enterprises to drain and clean out the debris from the pool so the A&E Company can provide an accurate engineer report and damage assessment. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier stated to in order to get an accurate A&E Engineer's report, they will need to see the bottom of the pool which will require the pool to be pumped out and debris removed. Once that is complete, the pool will be filled back up right away. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Molinere Enterprises for the drainage canal debris removal 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Chief of Police Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that they are working with Motorola and Axxon to get quotes for video and dash cameras. Motorola is around \$130,000 and Axxon is around \$63,000. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward with the purchase of Police Department cameras 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated they would review any contracts before they are signed and that she and Town Attorney Bryce Autin believe dash cams would be beneficial in court and also for the Police Department's safety. Chief Dufrene stated that both Axxon and Motorola are capable to be integrated with the radar that shows the patrol speed, the violator speed, and other

useful information. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to move forward with the purchase of Police Department cameras from Axon, and take the money from ARPA 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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

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

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

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-Discussing alternative upgrades. Town Engineer Plaisance stated that they priced the concrete plants and if they were putting in a new one, it would pay to go with that. Since the steel is already there, it will be much cheaper to fix the steel plant, so the plans and specs will be ready on 7/6/2023. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to start advertising for bids as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-awaiting servitude acquisition and subsequent advertising. Town Engineer Plaisance stated the calls he gets asking questions are more frequent, so that is a good sign of progress.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-approved by the State and awaiting Federal approval.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-under review. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she has been corresponding with Ms. Janice Walker inquiring on the status and she said nothing has been awarded yet.
- Infrastructure Grant application-under review.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer)-loan approved; details to be discussed. Town Engineer Plaisance stated they are trying to schedule a conference call with the state to get the final details on the loan.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Planning and Construction. Neither of the Capital Outlay projects were vetoed by the Governor, so they are both in the Act. We will be getting together with Facility Planning to get that paperwork started.

- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction. Neither of the Capital Outlay projects were vetoed by the Governor, so they are both in the Act. We will be getting together with Facility Planning to get that paperwork started. Councilman Mike Billiot asked about the Council signing a Cooperative Endeavor and Town Engineer Plaisance stated the state will be putting one together.

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 before she and Town Attorney Bryce Autin present the final drafts to the Council, they want to make sure they have answers to the potential questions that the Council may have. They hope to have the options available soon.
- Attorney to move forward with filing of a lien for 162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin). Town Attorney Jarreau advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that she and Town Attorney Autin are working on this.
- Council awarded contract to GIS for painting and blasting of the pump station, and attorney to put together an agreement to move forward. Town Attorney Jarreau advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they have finalized the GIS contract.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps for Cheramie Ln, Washington St, and Dursette St. Chief Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office will also be doing the study down Wilfred Duet St, Ridgewood Blvd, and Callais Ln starting on 7/7/2023. Once those are done, he will get them to redo it down Cheramie Lane without the rope. The study will also be redone down Washington St once State Bank opens at the back of the street.

1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker)-condemnation order to be issued for 7 days to have property repaired or demolished by 6/30/2023. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Mr. John Parker contacted him to ask him how things were going and Mayor Bouziga advised Mr. Parker that Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau has some paperwork for him. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to go out for demolition and debris removal bids, down to the slab, 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Hurricane Ida repairs-Oakridge Park, Pump Station, Streets, Lift Station, and FEMA report-Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that there are no new updates.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Update on use of funds. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he spoke with Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier and the Parish hasn't rejected anything yet, so hopefully everything will be accepted.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he has spoken to Laura Sanders some on the phone, but nothing has been decided. The Council has requested that Ms. Sanders come to the 7/17/2023 meeting. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to have Laura Sanders come to the 7/17/2023 meeting 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the drainage south of State Bank has been settled. Both property owners agreed to take a little dirt out to where the bank will have a little reservoir and the property owner south of them can protect their building. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to remove drainage south of State Bank off of 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 Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she went through the paper minutes from 1994 to 1998 and spoke to Town Engineer John Plaisance to try and figure out what happened with Resolution 974 and the Town's obligations to construct a road south of Whitney Ln. On the Alex Plaisance Service Road Servitudes map that Town Engineer Plaisance created, he lists the property owners that we had to get right of way agreements from to construct this road. In the right of way agreements, they specifically dedicate the area where the right of way was for public use of the construction of this road. To the best of everyone's knowledge, it looks like they couldn't obtain the right of way agreements from the property owners for Lots 25 to 28. Town Attorney Jarreau and Town Attorney Bryce Autin looked in Title 48 and if property has been dedicated for public use and the Town intends to abandon that endeavor, then they can vote to revoke the dedications for public use. Town Attorney Autin also wanted Town Attorney Jarreau to mention that the Nicole St Bridge is broken. Town Attorney

Jarreau and Town Attorney Autin recommends that the Council revokes the dedications for Lots 19 to 24 and have it filed into the Conveyance Records, if the Town doesn't intend to finish the service road. Town Engineer John Plaisance advised Mayor Bouziga, the Council, and Town Attorney Jarreau that there are 2 separate servitudes on each of those properties-one for the drainage portion of the levee and one for the service road. Town Attorney Jarreau stated it would be very specific to the right of way that was signed for this particular purpose of Alex Plaisance Service Road. Mayor Bouziga advised the Council we would send letters to the land owner(s) to let them know what is going on so they can give their opinion at the 7/17/2023 meeting. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to send letters to the land owner(s) to let them know what is going on so they can give their opinion at the 7/17/2023 meeting 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that a letter was mailed to the property owner on the corner of Hwy 1 and Delgrandile Ln to remove or grind down the stump in their yard on 6/21/2023. Mayor Bouziga stated that the stump is still there as of today and the letter was received. Mayor Bouziga advised the next step would be to send another letter to the property owner letting them know we will be going out for bids to cut the stump down. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to send the land owner a letter letting them know they need to have the stump cut a foot above the ground and maintained, so traffic can see to get out of the street 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council received a quote via text for materials and installation for lighting and fans for the concession stand and the pavilion for the Golden Meadow Park for 4 output stadium lights, 1 bandstand light, and 6 30" fans from Powerhouse for \$11,740. Councilman Laci Latiolais asked if we could use the \$5,000 that we get from the Lafourche Parish Port Commission every year for this. Town Citizen Wade Pitre asked if we had electricity at the park and Mayor Bouziga let him know yes we do. Councilman Mike Billiot stated that he and Councilman Laci Latiolais are going to reach out to people to help them pay for the lighting and fans.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's Tom Watkins 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-attorney to provide notice of costs to ad hoc attorney at 7/5/2023 meeting. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau asked that this matter be deferred to 7/17/2023 meeting.
- BC 1008-153 Nichols Street-Jody Pitre/Monique Pitre-Re-inspection passed but needs a new roof; sent letter requesting appearance at 7/5/2023 meeting. Homeowner Jody Pitre is present and advised the Council that he is almost done with the roof. SPCDC Building Inspector Charles Bertrand advised the Council that there are a couple of sections left to be done and the caps need to be put on. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to give Jody Pitre until the 8/7/2023 meeting to complete the roof and give an update 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- 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 SCPDC to send inspector out to check progress 7/5/2023. SPCDC Building Inspector Charles Bertrand advised the Council that there has been no change since the last inspection. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward to request bids for demolition as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais. NAYS: Councilman Jody Cheramie; Councilman Mike Billiot. ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1013-137 Delgrandile Lane-Ethel Boudreaux; as of 6/5/2023 work is not complete-roofing material is on the ground. Next update SCPDC to send inspector out to check progress by 7/17/2023.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Lane-Gloria Bouzigard-Condemnation Hearing on 7/17/2023.
- BC 1017-Structure 1 owned by Sherry Demere. SCPDC to re-inspect condemnable state and report on 7/5/2023. Tom Watkins is requesting that this item be deferred to the 7/17/2023 meeting, as the inspector did not inspect the property. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion defer this item to the 7/17/2023 meeting 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin. Council to approve the appointment of an Ad Hoc Attorney. Wade Pitre is present and advised the Council that he is working on improving and cleaning up the property. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney and have another inspection before the 7/17/2023 meeting 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane-Gloria Bouzigard-Condernation Hearing on 7/17/2023.
- BC 1022-513 North Bayou Drive-Ad Hoc Attorney (Eugene Gouaux III) appointed for Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau. Condernation Hearing on 7/17/2023.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated that he would like Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier to set up a conference call with SCPDC this week to add more structures.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to declare the obsolete copy machine 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 Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement between The Town of Golden Meadow and GIS for blasting and painting 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Agreement with Bayou Office Systems for the new copy machine 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Order with Yeates/Mancil Architects for the 50% Damage Assessments for the Senior Citizens Ceramic Shop, Pool Bath House, Pool Pump Building, Equipment Shed and Le Petit Caporal as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to consider authorizing payment to Yeates/Mancil Architects for the completed damage assessments which will be reimbursed by FEMA as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Government for the annual parish transportation revenue funding as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded the motion to remove one street light between 139 and 141 Louviere Lane requested by Carl Chauvin as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cherie, Councilman Kip Plaisance; Councilman Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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

Councilman Willis Toups wants to talk about the dip for sewage on Ridgewood Blvd. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to add Ridgewood Blvd sewage dip 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 Willis Toups; Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to send a request to the parish to patch the Ridgewood Blvd sewage dip when they come through 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 Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Town Citizen McNeely Rome stated he was asked by someone when the tennis and pickle ball courts would be striped at the park. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated that the Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez Jr. is working on getting it done and Councilman Laci Latiolais stated we need a certain kind of paint to stripe the courts.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion adjourning this meeting at 8:18 P.M. as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**