

**TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 17, 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 July 17, 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 Council Member Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE

Others attending were: Joni Alario, Bryce Autin, Charles Bertrand, Stephanie Bollinger, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Nancy Fillinich, Amanda Lasserre, Daniel Lorraine, Paul Pechon, Lisa Pitre, Wade Pitre, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Marlene Sunday, William Sunday, Farrell Trahan, and Tom Watkins.

A motion to approve minutes of the Town's regular meeting from July 5, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

**Mayor's Report:**

Paul Pechon and Amanda Lasserre from Bourgeois and Bennett Certified Public Accountants presented the 2022 Final Audit Report for The Town of Golden Meadow, with no findings or exceptions for the 2022 year. A motion to accept the 2022 Financial Audit, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

**Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:**

- North Sewer Treatment Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance stated that they have finished the plans and specs bid package. A motion to ask the state for permission to advertise, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-Town Engineer Plaisance advised he will be setting up a meeting this week with the Guilbeaus and Cheramies to discuss how it will go around their properties.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-approved by the State and awaiting Federal approval. No updates.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-under review. No Updates.
- Infrastructure Grant application-under review. No updates.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer)-Town Engineer Plaisance advised he had a meeting about this last week and if the timing works out the town won't have to put up any money.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Planning and Construction; working on Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction; working on Cooperative Endeavor Agreements.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- A motion to introduce the amendment to Ordinance 437 regarding payment of health insurance premiums for certain retirees, and have a public hearing on 8/7/2023 at 6:30 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Attorney to move forward with filing of a lien for 162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin). A motion to give Mayor Bouziga the authority to sign the statements of cost and put a lien towards 162 Washington St, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- June Stats: 1030 calls for service, 426 violations, 311 cases, 3 arrests.
- Discuss and consider approval of discipline and dismissal of Officer Brett Adams. Brett Adams is not present. Chief Dufrene advised the Council that Brett Adams failed to perform his job duties and was still within the 6 month probationary period. He is recommending to the Council that he is terminated and he also explained that the disciplinary action taken was 6 days off without pay on his last patrol hitch. A motion to terminate Officer Brett Adams, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member

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

- Update on Speed Humps-Chief Dufrene advised that the Sheriff's office is still performing the studies on Wilfred Duet St, Callais Ln and Ridgewood Blvd.

A motion to defer to the SCPDC Condemnation Proceedings, beginning with BC 1006 and BC 1022, due to those 2 properties having condemnation hearings via Zoom with Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux III, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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

- BC 1006-110 Pelican Ln-Estate of Faustin Borne/Marcess Calais Borne/Julie Borne Galliano-Town Attorney Autin advised the Council that Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux III is present via Zoom to provide notice of costs for 110 Pelican Ln to the Council. Town Attorney Autin advised the total cost for the demolition was \$4,475.00, with an additional \$623.25 in costs, for a total of \$5,398.35. Town Attorney Autin asked Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III if he received the notice. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III advised that he did receive the notice and he still has not been able to contact anyone associated with the property. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III cannot provide any legal defense as to why the full amount of costs shouldn't be taxed against the owner(s) and the property. A motion to move forward with filing a statement of claim against the property and the amount of those costs would create a lien against the property, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1022-513 North Bayou Dr-Ad Hoc Attorney (Eugene Gouaux III) appointed for Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-Condemnation Hearing on 7/17/2023. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III advised the Council that he has mailed some certified letters and they were undeliverable. He advised that he also ran an ad on 7/10/2023 and 7/11/2023, but there hasn't been enough notice, so he is asking the Council to defer this matter to the 8/21/2023 meeting. A motion to defer the Condemnation Hearing for 513 North Bayou Dr. to the 8/21/2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1008-153 Nichols Street-Jody Pitre/Monique Pitre-SCPDC will give update at 8/7/2023 meeting.
- BC 1009-145 Terrebonne Ln-Marlene C Trahan, On Behalf of Earlia Trahan Arceneaux/Cheramie & Sunday, LLC, Jenna Cheramie- Council voted to move forward with getting demolition bids due by 7/14/2023. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received 2 sealed bids: DDR Disaster Debris Removal-\$4,300.00 and DTB Construction-

\$7,920.00. Ms. Sunday is present and asked for more time. The discussion got heated. A motion to accept the lowest bid and proceed with the demolition, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, but there was no second made, so therefore the motion failed.

- BC 1013-137 Delgrandile Ln-Ethel Boudreaux-SCPDC's Building Inspector Charles Bertrand advised the Council that there is still debris on the property as of 7/17/2023. A motion to advertise to get prices and remove the debris, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Billiot; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Ln-Gloria Bouzigard-Condemnation Hearing on 7/17/2023. SCPDC's Building Inspector Bertrand advised the Council that there was some tin put on top of the carport, but it He also advised the Council that it is condemnable until the carport is rebuilt or torn down. Wade and Lisa Pitre are speaking for Gloria Bouzigard. Mr. Pitre doesn't want the carport to be torn down. Mrs. Pitre stated they are trying to get the property cleaned up. The discussion got heated. A motion to condemn BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Ln and give the homeowners 30 days to tear it down, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1017-Structure 1 owned by Sherry Demere-Mayor Bouziga asked SCPDC's Building Inspector Bertrand inspect the structure before the 8/7/2023 meeting.
- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin-SCPDC's Tom Watkins advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux III was appointed today and asked that we have the condemnation hearing on 8/7/2023. A motion to have the condemnation hearing at the 8/7/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane-Gloria Bouzigard-Condemnation Hearing on 7/17/2023. Wade Pitre advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that there is a large sewage pit that C&G Boats owns that is close to the carport. Mayor Bouziga stated we will contact C&G Boats to have them take care of it. A motion to condemn BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Ln and give the homeowners 30 days to repair the structure, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

#### Old Business

1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker)-Town Attorney Autin advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they are putting together the advertisement for bids with the specifications for demolition.

Hurricane Ida repairs-Oakridge Park, Pump Station, Streets, Lift Station, and FEMA report. A motion to add the drainage canal to 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, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that at the last meeting we had passed a motion to hire Molinere Enterprises to clean the debris in the canal. Since the last meeting, Mayor Bouziga has had some discussions with Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez Jr., Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier and FEMA. The \$22,000.00 proposal passed at the 7/5/2023 meeting did not include everything that needed to be done. A motion to reject the bid from Molinere Enterprises and re-advertise, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-No updates.

Library-sent Laura Sanders request to attend the 7/17/2023 meeting. Town Clerk Cloutier advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that she has been in contact with Ms. Sanders via email and she could not attend today's meeting. She stated that Ms. Sanders advised that they are looking to come 1-2 days a week to the Senior Citizen's building, but they were told they would not be able to come until after 2:00 PM and they were also asked to help with the utility bills. Ms. Sanders also advised that they are working on the temporary library location in Galliano, and once that opens, the Library2Geaux will no longer go the Cut Off Youth Center, so they will definitely be coming to Golden Meadow at least 2 days a week. Council Member Kip Plaisance asked Lafourche Parish Council Member Daniel Lorraine why all of the other suites are fixed at the Tarpon Heights Shopping Center except for the government part which held the Library, along with other parish and state entities. Lafourche Parish Council Member Lorraine explained that the Dollar General purchased that whole building, except the part where the Library and the other government entities were.

Resolution 974 and the Town's obligations to construct a road south of Whitney Lane-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that he spoke with one of the property owners and he doesn't want the road going through his property. Mayor Bouziga stated the road leads to nowhere and the Nicole Bridge is broken, so he recommends leaving the road as is. A motion to remove Resolution 974 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Stump in yard off of Delgrandile and Hwy 1-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the stump is cleaned up some and Chief Dufrene stated that you can now see to get out of Delgrandile Ln. A motion to remove stump in yard off of Delgrandile and Hwy 1 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place

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

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on written bids for security lights and ceiling fans for the park pavilion.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we sent a letter to the Parish for patchwork on Ridgewood Blvd for the dip in the street.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that he spoke with Chief Dufrene today regarding the Police Dept. equipment-video cameras and dash cameras. Mayor Bouziga stated that Chief Dufrene sent the final request to Town Attorney Autin to review and Town Attorney Autin stated he will have it reviewed before the 8/7/2023 meeting.

#### New Business

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

A motion to purchase a new Kubota tractor for \$40,215.66 from the ARPA fund to replace the old one, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to move the light from Louviere Ln that was discussed at the 7/5/2023 Town Meeting and relocate it to 106 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Town Clerk Cloutier introduced new hire Joni Alario for the Administration Dept. office to the Council.

A motion to finalize and send the 2<sup>nd</sup> list of potential condemnation to SCPDC, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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

Council Member Toups wants to add Doucet Ln to the agenda as presented. A motion to add Doucet Ln to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member

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

Council Member Toups advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that when you get to Hwy 3235 from the front to the back of Doucet Ln, the blacktop is going into the ditch. Mayor Bouziga advised that he will have Town Foreman Gonzalez Jr. and the crew put limestone to fix it.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:47 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Cherie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**RACHEL ROBICHAUX  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**