

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 21, 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 August 21, 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 Town Citizen Edward Louviere 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: Bryce Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Mike Callais, Joseph Cehan, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Michael Gambino, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Edward Louviere, Trey Middleton, Lisa Pitre, Wade Pitre, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Marlene Sunday, William Sunday, Farrell Trahan, and Tom Watkins.

A motion to add approval of the Town's public hearing minutes from August 7, 2023 to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Town's public hearing from August 7, 2023, 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.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Town's regular meeting from August 7, 2023, 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.

Mayor's Report:
Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Trey Middleton from GIS Engineering presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Upgrades-Still being looked at by FPC.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-Town Engineer John Plaisance has a meeting scheduled with some property owners next week.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-GOHSEP approved the Grant application.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-No updates.
- Infrastructure Grant application-still being reviewed by the state.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-moving forward with the paperwork and will be ready to advertise by the end of the year.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-GIS Engineering is preparing the proposals.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-GIS Engineering is preparing the proposals.
- Lean to addition on Maintenance Building-Town Engineer Plaisance will be preparing a drawing.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-The bulk of the survey is done. Once that is complete, they will do the recon and get everything identified. GIS Engineering was approved to move forward with the permitting process.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- Town Attorney Jarreau presented an Ordinance amending Golden Meadow Code of Ordinance Section No. 3.33.010 related to town payment of a percentage of hospital insurance premiums for certain retirees to the Council. A motion to have a public hearing on Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 6:30 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Tups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Town Attorney Jarreau presented the latest draft of the repair contract and bond issuance for 1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker) to the Council. Mayor Bouziga asked Town Attorney Jarreau where Town Attorney Bryce Autin came up with the bond amount for \$35,000 and she said she will look into it.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-Chief Dufrene advised that none of the reports are ready.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised that they have a virtual meeting Wednesday about the body cameras and they hope to implement them as soon as possible.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that FEMA is progressing with going through everything.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-No updates.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we received 1 bid for the security lights and fans for the park, but we are waiting on 2 more bids. Council Member Billiot asked that we get itemized bids to help when asking for donations.

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

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

- BC 1009-145 Terrebonne Ln-Marlene C Trahan, On Behalf of Earlia Trahan Arceneaux/Cheremie & Sunday, LLC, Jenna Cheremie-SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan inspected the property today and advised the Council that some of the previous inspection report's items have been corrected and the work does appear to be continuing. A motion to give the homeowners 30 more days to work on 145 Terrebonne Lane, with an update on 9/18/2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheremie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheremie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1013-137 Delgrandile Ln-Ethel Boudreaux-Building Inspector Cehan advised the Council that the debris has been removed and the only thing that remains is the shed's foundation. A motion to remove 137 Delgrandile Ln from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot, but then retracted. A motion to remove 137 Delgrandile Ln from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheremie; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheremie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Billiot; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Ln-Gloria Bouzigard-Building Inspector Cehan advised the Council that there was very little work done and in his opinion, the condemnation is still valid. A motion to go out for bids to tear down BC 1016, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheremie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin-Attorney Ad Hoc Eugene Gouaux III is present for the Condemnation Hearing. Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux advised the Council that he ran an ad in the Daily Comet on 7/10/2023 and 7/11/2023 and mailed a certified letter to the last address. Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux was contacted by 1 family member-Wade Pitre. Building Inspector Cehan advised the Council that there doesn't seem to have been any work done since the initial inspection that was conducted on 2/2/2023. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order for BC 1017 Structure 2, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot, seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheremie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane-Gloria Bouzigard-Condemnation letter sent-deadline 8/21/2023. Building Inspector Cehan advised the Council that there was a metal roof put on the structure since the initial inspection that was conducted on 2/2/2023, but the rest of the structure is still condemnable. A motion to go out for bids to tear down BC 1018, 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.
- BC 1022-213 N Bayou Drive-Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux is present for the Condemnation Hearing. Attorney Ad Hoc Gouaux advised the Council that he ran an ad in the Daily Comet on 7/10/2023 and 7/11/2023 and mailed a certified letter to the last address, which was returned undeliverable, so no contact was made. Building Inspector Cehan advised the Council that there doesn't seem to have been any work done since the initial inspection that was conducted on 4/25/2023. A motion to issue a 14 day condemnation order for BC 1022, 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.

New Business

A motion to approve the February 2023, March 2023, April 2023, May 2023 and June 2023 Invoices for SCPDC related to the condemnation process, 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.

A motion to move approving an Amendment to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Amendment to the S&L Enterprises contract to extend the time period to obtain the Right of Ways and increase the payment from \$10,500 to \$16,500 to the 9/5/2023 meeting, 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.

A motion to move considering a revision to the Policies and Procedures-Part XV (15) Traffic Ticket/Misdemeanor Summons to the 9/5/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; 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.

A motion to purchase a handicap swing and replace the see saw and slide for \$15,892.77, to create a walkway with a cement pad for the handicap swing and to mark where the handicap parking is at the park, using some of the donation from Bless Your Heart Non-Profit, 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.

A motion to purchase a play structure for by the pavilion for \$90,805.55 using ARPA funds, 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.

Project Obligated-A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to move forward with requesting bids for the Hurricane Ida repairs to the pump behind Little Eagle and the flood gate at the park, 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.

Project Obligated-A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to move forward with replacing the park cameras and camera hardware from Hurricane Ida repairs, 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.

Project Obligated-A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to move forward with requesting bids for the Hurricane Ida repairs to the big electrical box at the Pump Station, 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.

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

Council Member Cheramie advised the Council that the trash is being picked up.

Town Citizen Brian Eymard advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that there were more pilings added on Alex Plaisance Service Road since he came to the 6/5/2023 Town Meeting and discussed it. Mayor Bouziga stated that they will look into it.

Town Citizen Brian Eymard advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that he is working on tearing down his blighted building.

Town Citizen McNeely Rome asked if the Alario property by the church was torn down by FEMA and Mayor Bouziga advised that it was.

Town Citizen Edward Louviere advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that the grass by his empty lot was only cut halfway, so they are having problems with snakes, mice, rats, poison ivy and poison sumac.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Town Citizen Wade Pitre asked once the town tears down a house, who is responsible for keeping the grass cut. Town Attorney Jarreau let him know the estate would still be responsible.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine announced his re-election bid for Lafourche Parish Council, District 9.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**