

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 5, 2023

Golden Meadow Town Hall

107 Jervis Dr.

Golden Meadow, LA 70357

Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Billiot was present for the regular town meeting and called it to order on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns. Mayor Joey Bouziga was not present.

Council Member Kip Plaisance led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Town Citizen Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Jody Cheramie and Kip Plaisance

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Laci Latiolais and Willis Toups

Others attending were: Trixie Allemand, Charles Bertrand, Stephanie Bollinger, Tracee Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Crystal Hodge, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Edward Louviere, Lisa Pitre, Wade Pitre, John Plaisance, Mary Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Taffy Stallings, Kim Terrebonne, Farrell Trahan, and Tom Watkins.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Town's regular meeting from August 21, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Upgrades-A motion to start advertising for bids, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-still waiting on the servitudes from some homeowners.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-still waiting on FEMA.
- LGAP Grant application (Police Unit)-Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised she has a call on 9/7/2023.
- Infrastructure Grant application-can move onto the next step.

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-loan is approved and paperwork being processed. Town Engineer Plaisance stated that hopefully by January we can go out for bids.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-GIS Engineering is preparing the contracts to be signed.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-GIS Engineering is preparing the contracts to be signed.
- Lean to addition on Maintenance Building-Town Engineer Plaisance stated they will be drawing up some rough numbers to present to Mayor Bouziga before moving forward.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-survey work is completed. GIS Engineering is preparing scope to send to FEMA.

Attorney's Report:

- A motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Golden Meadow Code of Ordinance Section No. 3.33.010 related to the town payment of a percentage of hospital insurance premiums for certain retirees, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.
- A motion to defer 1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker)-Town Attorney to provide repair contract and request bond issuance, to the 9/18/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-Chief Dufrene advised that the Sheriff's Office are working on the reports.
- Police Department Equipment-Video Cameras (installation scheduled for 10/3/2023) and Dash Cameras on order. Chief Dufrene advised they may be able to start using the body cameras this month.
- July Stats
 - 957 calls for service
 - 252 cases
 - 345 violations
 - 2 arrests
- A motion to add August stats to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.
- August Stats
 - 851 calls for service
 - 204 cases

- 272 violations
- 5 arrests
- A motion to add the camper at the end of Anatole Ln to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.
- Chief Dufrene advised there is a camper at the end of Anatole Ln in the middle of the trees that does not have permits, running water, not hooked up to sewer, and they are running off of rainwater and generators. Chief Dufrene is not sure how to legally pursue these residents by law enforcement. A discussion was had with the Council and the town residents that this is effecting. A motion to move forward with getting rid of the camper at the end of Anatole Ln if the Town Attorney gives us the ok, as soon as possible, as presented, was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Toups, Latiolais.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs-Town Clerk Cloutier reiterated what Town Engineer Plaisance stated about the drainage canal earlier in the meeting. She stated that GIS is ready to move equipment to the pumping station on 9/8/2023 and start sandblasting and painting on 9/11/2023.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-No updates.

Town Clerk Cloutier advised Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot and the Council that we received 2 more bids for the security lights and fans for the park, but we need to establish a baseline so that everyone is bidding on the same work.

Council Member Willis Toups arrived at the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot advised the Council that we are waiting on the parish to fix Ridgewood Blvd, Doucet Dr .and Norman St.

Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot advised the Council that the playground equipment is on order and expected sometime in December. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that this is the big piece of playground equipment and the smaller equipment is expected in October.

Mayor Pro Tempore Billiot advised the Council that a virtual demo for electronic tickets is scheduled for 9/7/2023.

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/Cheramie & Sunday, LLC, Jenna Cheramie-progress is being made so a 30 day extension was given until 9/18/2023. SCPDC's Building Inspector Charles Bertrand inspected the property today to check the progress and he stated there has been a lot of progress made.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Ln-Gloria Bouzigard-Building Inspector Bertrand advised the Council that there were no changes made on the property. Mayor Pro Tempore advised that we received 3 bids for demolition:
 - DTB General Contractors-\$4,480.00
 - BJA, LLC dba BM Construction-\$2,200.00
 - M&M Drilling Services-\$9,900.00A motion to go accept the bid from BJA, LLC dba BM Construction for \$2,200.00 to demolish BC 1016, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance, seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: Cheramie; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais.
- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin-A condemnation notice to be issued for 30 days to make repairs or demolish with the deadline of 9/21/2023. Building Inspector Bertrand advised the Council that there were no changes made on the property.
- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane-Gloria Bouzigard-Building Inspector Bertrand advised the Council that there were no changes made on the property. Mayor Pro Tempore advised that we received 3 bids for demolition:
 - BJA, LLC dba BM Construction-\$600.00
 - DTB General Contractors-\$1200.00
 - M&M Drilling Services-\$6,100.00A motion to go accept the bid from BJA, LLC dba BM Construction for \$600.00 to demolish BC 1018, 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, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais.
- BC 1022-213 N Bayou Drive-Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-A condemnation notice to be issued for 14 days to make repairs or demolish with the deadline of 9/5/2023. Building Inspector Bertrand advised the Council that there were no changes made on the property. A motion to go for demolition bids for BC 1022, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance, seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais.

New Business

A motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with S&L Enterprises to extend the Sewer Phase VII title work through 12/31/2023, 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 Pro Tempore asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought up to the Council.

Council Member Plaisance stated that after the Library Board Meeting, one of the board members texted him and let him know they didn't forget about the Golden Meadow residents and Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the flyers were given out at the local schools to let the students know that Library 2 Geaux is available Thursday afternoons at the Senior Citizens Center.

Town Citizen Wade Pitre discussed how he felt about the 2 bids that were accepted to demolish the properties tonight and it got very heated.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:01 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Touns. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**