

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024
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 Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:01 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, Laci Latiolais, Kip Plaisance, and Willis Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE

Others attending were: Ben Autin, Charles Battles, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Cullen Curole, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau, William Lerille, Daniel Lorraine, Billy Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the Town's Public Hearing #1 minutes from December 18, 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.

A motion to approve the Town's Public Hearing #2 minutes from December 18, 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.

A motion to approve the Town's regular meeting minutes from December 18, 2023, with the modification that BC 1036 was not issued a condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; 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:

A motion to add Billy Plaisance's building permit to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to bring Billy Plaisance's building permit to the Board of Adjustments for review and for them have a Board of Adjustments meeting on 1/16/2024 at 6:30 PM, as presented, was made by Council

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

Mayor Bouziga presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-the equipment was brought in and work started today.
- A motion to defer Items 2 through 11 on the Agenda, with the exception of Item 10, 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 approve the installation of an interior door in the Town Hall for \$8,800.00 from Picciola Construction, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups, seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais; NAYS: Cheramie, Billiot; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (formerly John Parker)-Town Attorney Jarreau asked SCPDC Building Inspector Joseph Cehan to prepare an updated inspection report as soon as possible so we can have a condemnation hearing for the new owner, which will probably be at the 2/5/2023 meeting.
- A motion to approve an Ordinance related to town payment of a portion of individual hospitalization, life, dental, vision and cancer insurance premiums for employees and family hospitalization, life, dental, vision, and cancer insurance premiums for certain elected officials of the Town of Golden Meadow, 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 approve an Ordinance providing an exception to town payment of a portion of family hospitalization insurance premiums for the town group insurance policy for the Chief of Police of the Town of Golden Meadow, 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, Billiot; NAYS: Latiolais; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-As soon as the equipment is available, they will come out and reassess Cheramie Lane, Washington Street, and Dursette Street.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised the dash cameras are on order and they may get them in May.
- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive-Chief Dufrene advised that we are still waiting on an available reader.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that there are no updates and asked that this be deferred to the next meeting. A motion to defer Hurricane Ida Repairs to the next 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, Troups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are resubmitting new paperwork for the Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant when available and the deadline is 6/30/2024.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are still waiting for the contractor to begin work on the security lights and ceiling fans at the park pavilion.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting for the parish to fix Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street. A motion to send the Parish a 2nd letter and give Council Member Cheramie a copy so he can hand deliver it, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Troups, Latiolais; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Billiot. A motion to have the maintenance crew extend the culvert and add limestone on Doucet Drive and bill the Parish, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Troups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. A motion get an estimate to fix Ridgewood Boulevard and bill the Parish, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Troups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Troups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on possible Recreation District funding to purchase Uline trash cans for the park. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that Bless Your Heart is also trying to get a grant requesting funds for the purchase of Uline trash cans for the Golden Meadow Park.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023 and the results are expected July/August 2024.

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

- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux III wrote a letter to Town Attorney Jarreau asking that his presence be waived for the opportunity to be heard this evening for BC 1017 and BC 1022; and there is no valid defense on why his absentee defendants should not be responsible for the cost of the condemnation proceedings. A motion to file a lien for the cost of the condemnation proceedings for BC 1017 and BC 1022, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Troups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. A motion to remove BC 1017 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, Troups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1022-513 North Bayou Drive-Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-It was voted on in the previous item to file a lien on this property. The property on the north side of

213 N. Bayou Drive property is still damaged, so we are keeping BC 1022 on the agenda until the contractor repairs it.

- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. Condemnation hearing is scheduled for 1/2/2024. Mr. Charles Battles is present for the condemnation hearing. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order on BC 1023, with an update at the 2/5/2023 meeting, 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.
- BC 1024-2124 South Bayou Drive-Noel Camardelle and Sidney C. Kelley-Condemnation Order was issued for 3/1/2024.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-The demolition bid was awarded on 12/4/2023 and the Council gave additional time for repairs/demolition, with the next update on 1/16/2024.
- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline was 12/27/2023. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection and he recommends moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to advertise for demolition bids, 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 1030-Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline was 12/27/2023. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection and he recommends moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to advertise for demolition bids, 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 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Total Wireline Services-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin-On 12/4/2023, the Council gave 30 days for repairs with the next update on 1/2/2024. Neither property owners are here to give an update. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been a lot of repairs, but there are still many to be done before it can be taken off of the condemnation list. A motion to have a condemnation hearing on 2/5/2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: NONE
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent). On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Order was issued for 30 days. Town Attorney Jarreau needs to check on what the deadline is.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Order was issued for 2/5/2024 and it was voted on to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney for Steven Dantin. Town Attorney Jarreau will send the Ad Hoc Notice to Town Clerk Cloutier.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-On 12/18/2023, a motion was made to give the homeowners 30 days to make repairs. A motion to have a condemnation hearing on

2/5/2023, 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.

- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-Condernation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline was 12/27/2023. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection, except for removal of some materials on the porch and he recommends moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to advertise for demolition bids, 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.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)- On 12/4/2023, the Council gave 30 days for repairs with the next update on 1/2/2024. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. A motion to have a condemnation hearing on 2/5/2023, 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.
- BC 1039-114 St. Mary Street-Richard and Kiesha Plaisance-Condernation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline is 1/4/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard- On 12/4/2023, the Council gave 30 days for repairs with the next update on 1/2/2024. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan spoke to Mr. Eymard today and stated that he is still moving stuff from under the collapsed roof He also stated there have been a lot of improvements since the 12/4/2023 meeting. A motion to give Mr. Eymard 30 days to make more improvements, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie, and then retracted. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order on BC 1040, with an update at the 2/5/2023 meeting, 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.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.- On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Order was issued for 30 days. Town Attorney Jarreau needs to check on what the deadline is.
- BC 1042-106 Alario Lane-Alan and Evelyn France- On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Order was issued for 30 days. Town Attorney Jarreau needs to check on what the deadline is.
- BC 1045-1812 South Bayou Drive-P.J. and Beverly St. Pierre-Council requested an update on 1/16/2024.

New Business

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into Engagement Letters and SAUP's with Bourgeois and Bennett for the 2023 Audit, 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 declare the following items: Echo PB580T Backpack Blower (P44614120782), Stihl MS271-20 Chainsaw (505608554), Stihl HT101 Extendable Polesaw (287850752), and Stihl HS56CE Hedge Trimmer (505176658) as surplus junk, no longer needed for a public purpose, and to dispose of them, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call

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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

A motion to add trash pickup to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Council Member Cheramie stated that River Birch is not picking up the trash and he will be having a discussion with them.

A motion to add community donations to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Bouziga wants to thank the businesses and organizations that donated to our Christmas Baskets and Trunk or Treat.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine advised that on 1/5/2024, the Lafourche Parish Water District will start sending the bills out with the \$16.50 garbage charge.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:03 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**