

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-UNABRIDGED

Monday, November 4, 2024

Golden Meadow Town Hall

107 Jervis Dr.

Golden Meadow, LA 70357

Mayor Joey Bouziga was present for the public meeting and called it to order on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

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: Brandy Alonzo, Kenneth Aucoin, Bryce Autin, Yvonne Billiot, Stephanie Bollinger, Craig Boudreaux, Kayla Boudreaux, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Kevin Cheramie, Polly Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, Connie Demere, Brian Eymard, Nancy Filinich, Darryl Gisclair, Barbara Gonzalez, Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., JoAnne Griffin, B.M. Hargrave, Morris Hunter, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, William Lerille, Daniel Lorraine, Gerald Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Angie Matherne, Dwayne Matherne, Rickey Messer, Tammy Messer, Keith Morvant, Ryan Pierce, Tom Pitre, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Drew Rowe, Alexis Schwertz, Isaiah Scott, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, Bobby Wescovich, and Kyle Williams.

Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

A motion to approve the town's public hearing minutes from 10/21/2024, 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 regular meeting minutes from 10/21/2024, 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:

A motion to introduce an Ordinance to adopt the Combined Budget of Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, 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 applying for the 2024-2025 LGAP, for sidewalk repairs between Dursette Street and Pershing Street, 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Building Permits:

Chairman McNeely Rome met with the Planning and Zoning Commission and they recommend approving the variance request in an R2 zone and the occupational license for Kenneth Aucoin-HGII-Relaxing Air BnB at 2606 South Bayou Drive. A motion to accept the Commission's recommendations, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; 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.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the Substantial Completion is complete and the final payment request was submitted to Facility Planning. The generator receptacle still needs installing.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-Construction has begun with contract time of 180 days estimated to be end of 4th quarter of 2024.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-GOHSEP and FEMA did not approve; SCPDC is applying through Delta Regional Authority and GIS is working on Capital Outlay Request for the matching funds of the DRA Application.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (FMA) (4 main drainage projects)-GIS contract executed and engineering work to begin.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Requesting servitude signatures-2 remaining.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Notice to Proceed issued for 9/30/2024, with estimated completion date of 3/29/2025.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-Awaiting alternate plans and drawings from GIS Engineering.
- New Capital Outlay requests for fiscal year 25-26 were submitted on 10/30/2024 for the following projects: Floodwall Upgrades, Extension of Maintenance Building, Martinez Lane Drainage, Cleanout of Existing Drainage Structures, Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, and Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road; Dursette-Pershing Drainage, Jefferson Street Drainage, and Oakridge Park Drainage were not submitted because they are part of the FMA Grant.
- The Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced-awaiting quotes from STAT and C&A Treatment Services. Received quote from Gainey's Concrete (\$11,932.00 quote does not include the piping or plumbing which he estimates to be around \$10,000.00). A motion to add approving the \$11,932.00 quote to the agenda, 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 \$11,932.00 quote and have Town Engineer Plaisance have some plumbers come give some plumbing quotes, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; 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.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle LA1 Legislation Draft-Town Attorney Autin has sent it to Representative Joseph Orgeron, who is going to share it with the Municipal Committee Drafters who draft bills for their review and DOTD to see if they have any feedback. Representative Orgeron plans on introducing the bill in 2025 as one of his 5 non-fiscal bills.

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- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street Charles Collier-Demolition is Complete and Opportunity to Be Heard was on 10/7/2024-Statement of Claim filed was for \$4,264.88.
- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane Sean and Emily Bernard-Demolition is Complete and Opportunity to Be Heard was on 10/7/2024-Statement of Claim filed was for \$5,210.53.
- A motion to remove BC 1051 and BC 1044 Statement of Claims from the agenda, 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.

There is no Police Business to present.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of October 2024:
 - Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle and Flood Gate at Park
 - Project 673198 (2408)-Big Electrical Box at Pump Station
 - Project 673187 (2454)-Street Signs Complete and awaiting Caution Signs
 - Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request; awaiting update from FEMA on next step.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (for possible alternate project)-awaiting update from FEMA on next step.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised the Council that we received the final payment of the Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant and we received the full amount of \$205,407.00. A motion to remove Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant 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 that per Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson, the Parish will request bids in the beginning of 2025 to repair the asphalt on Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023 and approved for \$35,000. The contract was awarded for the skate park parking lot with handicap parking and we are awaiting contract signature.

Speed Humps on Washington Street, Dursette Street, and Cheramie Lane-Council Member Cheramie came up with some criteria, but is still working on it.

Mayor Bouziga advised that Entergy has been contacted about trimming trees around the light poles and that 98 lights have recently been replaced.

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

- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Demolition is Complete and Attorneys to update status of adjacent building for further discussion. Notice to be Heard-Owner Polly Cheramie is present and advised she is aware of the cost, but she cannot afford the cost right now. Attorneys are to file statement of claim.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 11/18/2024.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 11/18/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 11/18/2024.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne) On 6/17/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction; on 9/3/2024, Council requested to move forward with demolition no earlier than 9/23/2024, but they weren't able to get sufficient service. Angie Matherne is present. SCPDC Building Inspector Morvant advised that progress is ongoing and if it stops, we should move forward with the demolition. A motion to give Kajun M Investments 30 days, with an update at the 12/2/2024 meeting, 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.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 11/18/2024.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Kyle Breaux and Chad Breaux-Condemnation Order issued with a deadline of 11/7/2024 to repair or demolish, so an update will be given 11/18/2024.
- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares (all have a 10% interest)-Condemnation Order issued; Mary Brown Phares and Edward Verdin-Condemnation Order issued; Condemnation Hearing is today for Mary Phares Cox. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there haven't been any changes since the last inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux is present via Zoom. He has sent certified letters and made advertisements, but has not made contact with any owners or heirs. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order for Mary Phares Cox, 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 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Order issued; demolition bid awarded on 10/7/2024; awaiting notice of demolition. Homeowner Brandy Alonzo is present. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there haven't been any changes since the last inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ms. Alonzo is working with Restore Louisiana to either get the house demoed or renovated. A motion to move forward with the demolition, 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, Billiot; NAYS: Latiolais; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1064-136 Dursette Street-Donna Terrebonne Bourg, Lorraine Lucille Dufrene Terrebonne, Estate of Nolta Joseph Terrebonne, Estate of Robert John Terrebonne, and Estate of Karen Terrebonne Callais-Condemnation Order issued; Condemnation Hearing is today for Charles Anthony Terrebonne and Lucas Bourgeois. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition is complete, but the demolished building materials remain on site. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux is

present via Zoom. He has sent certified letters and made advertisements, but has not made contact with any owners or heirs. A motion to issue a condemnation order for Charles Anthony Terrebonne and Lucas Bourgeois, 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 for the condemnation order to be 30 days, 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.

- BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane-Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux and Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr.-Condemnation Order issued; Condemnation Hearing is today for Alice Bruce Boudreaux. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there haven't been any changes since the last inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux is present via Zoom. He has sent certified letters and made advertisements, but has not made contact with any owners or heirs. A motion to issue a condemnation order for Alice Bruce Boudreaux, 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.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days; Condemnation Hearing is tentatively scheduled for 12/2/2024 for Guldán LLC, Dylan Touchstone (Agent for Service of Process) if the Bossier Parish Police Department is able to serve them in North Louisiana.
- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve-Condemnation Order issued; SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there haven't been any changes since the last inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A meeting was had between Mr. Euell "Chippy" Turnage, Mayor Bouziga, Town Clerk Cloutier, and Town Attorney Jarreau since the last town meeting. Mr. Turnage called Town Clerk Cloutier today and advised he has found a contractor to demolish the property, but is asking for 30 days from the Council to try to sell the property. A motion to give Mr. Turnage 30 days, with an update at the 12/2/2024 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, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condemnation Order issued and Council requested to go out for bids due 11/4/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there haven't been any changes since the last inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Mayor Bouziga spoke to Ms. Daigrepoint today and instead of repairing the structure, they are going to demolish it and are asking for a 30 day extension from the Council. A motion to give Ms. Daigrepoint 30 days, with an update at the 12/2/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; 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. A motion to hold the 2 sealed bids that were received, 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1071-400 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-The Vindez Corporation, Vince Diez, as Agent for Service of Process-Condemnation Hearing postponed due to no service. This property is involved in litigation

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and going into mediation on 11/18/2024, which will determine what will be done with the building. Mayor Bouziga asked Mr. Watkins to contact Mr. Diez to board up the building.

- BC1072-131 Dursette Street-Nicholas Johnfroe-Condemnation Hearing on 11/18/2024.

New Business

Hurricane Francine Exploratory call to file CAT B claim for force account labor and materials-Mayor Bouziga advised that they had a meeting with them today and we should be able to recoup around \$55,000.00.

Town Clerk Cloutier advised that there is an update in the Council Members' folders from the Assessor's office on Ad Valorem Tax Inventory Taxes that could be cut from the tax rolls if the legislation passes.

A motion to authorize the publication of a shorter version of the meeting minutes, which meet the legal requirements for a reduction in advertising costs, while still having the full version of the meeting minutes emailed for approval and available on the Town website, 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 2025 Council Meeting Dates, 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 Krewe of Athena parade permit for Friday 2/28/2025, 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.

A motion to authorize the Town Clerk to be an Ethics Liaison with the LA department of Ethics for the proctoring of the Ethics class, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; 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. Certification has already been received.

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

A motion to add trash to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Council Member Cheramie advised that the trash isn't being picked up like it's supposed to and he is working with the Parish and Council Member Lorraine to remedy this.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

School Board Member Buffy Charpentier advised LPSB will be having a Town Meeting on Monday 12/9/2024 at 6:00 PM at the GMMS school gym to give an updated status on the reconstruction of GMMS.

Council Member Toups advised that Veteran's Day is next week and there will be a lot of programs going on.

Council Member Cheramie wished everyone that was running good luck in the election.

William Lerille asked about the Council Member voting process.

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A motion to add the Council Member voting process to the agenda, 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. The Council Member voting process was discussed.

A motion to add the Council Member running for their particular seat to the next agenda for discussion, 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.

Gerald Louviere reported a hanging power line hazard down Verret Street.

Gerald Louviere and Daniel Lorraine wished the candidates running good luck for the election tomorrow.

Daniel Lorraine announced that he has been trying to get the Parish to fix the 3 streets on the agenda.

Marc Charpentier announced that the 4th Annual Christmas Boat Parade is on 11/30/2024 and he invited everyone to an election party at the park on 11/5/2024 at 5:30 PM.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:07 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK