

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-UNABRIDGED

Monday, November 18, 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 18, 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, Bryce Autin, Corine Berthelot, Yvonne Billiot, Stephanie Bollinger, Billy Brunet, Tracee Cloutier, Wilber Cloutier, Cody Cortez, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Tammy Eymard, Nancy Fillinich, Barbara Gonzalez, Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., JoAnne Griffin, Renata Guidry, Donny Johnfroe, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, William Lerille, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Rickey Messer, Tammy Messer, Keith Morvant, Tom Pitre, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Andrew Rowe, Alexis Schwertz, Farrell Trahan, Edward Verdin, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 11/4/2024, 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:

The Mayor, Council, and Citizens discussed moving the American Legion monument located at the Golden Meadow American Legion Hall. A motion to move forward with looking into moving the American Legion Hall monument, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; 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:

- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the Town received some more preliminary flood maps from FEMA last week.
- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the project is complete, and the final payment request will probably be on the next agenda.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-Construction is continuing with contract time of 180 days estimated to be end of 4th quarter of 2024 but will likely be extended due to delay in material.
- 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 has begun.
- 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. Town Engineer Plaisance expects to be able to advertise mid-December.
- 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, Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road, and the Seawall.
- The Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant-Contract awarded to Gainey's Concrete Products for \$11,932.00 and Town Engineer Plaisance is working on plumbing quotes.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle LA1 Legislation Draft to be worked on by Town Attorney Bryce Autin and Representative Joseph Orgeron. The Council provided proposed legislation to Representative Orgeron and he will use this as one of his 5 allowed non-fiscal bills.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- October 2024 Stats:
 - 357 Calls for Service
 - 106 Violations
 - 102 Cases
 - 9 Arrests
- A motion to add the status of the 2023 Chevy Tahoe Police Unit to the agenda, 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.

- Council Member Plaisance inquired about the status of the 2023 Chevy Tahoe Police Unit that was parked. Chief Dufrene advised that the radar company is supposed to come fix the radar on 11/19/2024 and then Scott's Auto Repair would be picking it up to work on the engine.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of 11/30/2024:
 - 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-call on 11/12/2024 and was advised it will be January 2025 before the CRC gets to this project because of backlog.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (for possible alternate project)-call on 11/12/2024 and was advised it will be January 2025 before the CRC gets to this project because of backlog.

Mayor Bouziga advised that 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 the contractor will began today.

Speed Humps on Washington Street, Dursette Street, and Chermie Lane-Council Member Chermie is working on some criteria. Town Citizen Patricia Louviere gave the Council a letter expressing why citizens on Washington Street want speed humps.

Mayor Bouziga advised that Entergy has trimmed some trees around the light poles, but they are not finished.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the application was sent for the Hurricane Francine CAT B claim for force account labor and materials.

There is no update from the Assessor's office on Ad Valorem Tax Inventory Taxes because the special session is still ongoing.

LGAP application 2024-2025-portal opened on 11/1/2024 and we are applying for sidewalk repairs between Dursette Street and Pershing Street.

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 Notice to be Heard was on 11/4/2024. Attorneys are to file statement of claim and Council is to discuss actions for the 2nd structure on the property. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to request demolition bids for the 2nd building, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; 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 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection, so they recommend allowing them to continue. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 12/16/2024 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 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection, so they recommend allowing them to continue. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 12/16/2024 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 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that all demolished materials have been removed from the site. A motion to remove BC 1040 from 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.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is complete, but there is still a pile of debris and blocks on site. A motion to remove BC 1050 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups; NAYS: Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. A motion to give them 30 days to remove the debris, with an update at the 12/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. Before a roll call vote could take place, Council Member Latiolais rescinded the 30 day motion. A motion to give them 14 days to remove the debris, with an update at the 12/2/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A

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

- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Kyle Breaux and Chad Breaux-Condernation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to request demolition bids, 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 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condernation Order issued; demolition bid awarded on 10/7/2024; issue demolition notice for 11/18/2024. 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's contractor Cody Cortez with Dynamic Group for Restore LA is present. Their plans are to do a walk through on 11/19/2024 and to start renovating in a week. A motion to give them 30 days to start making progress, with an update at the 12/16/2024 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, 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-Condernation Order issued; demolition is complete, but debris still remains.
- BC1072-131 Dursette Street-Nicholas Johnfroe-Condernation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Mr. Johnfroe's father Donny Johnfroe is present and advised he will be repairing the house starting this week. A motion to give them 30 days to repair or demolish, with an update at the 12/16/2024 meeting, 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 issue the condemnation order so we can move forward if the property is not repaired or demolished within 30 days, 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 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; next update due 12/2/2024.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Condernation Order Issued for 30 days through Ad Hoc Attorney. Condernation

Hearing is scheduled for 12/2/2024 for Guldán LLC, Dylan Touchstone (Agent for Service of Process).

- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve- Condemnation Order Issued for 30 days through Ad Hoc Attorney. Meeting on 10/28/2024 between Mr. Euell “Chippy” Turnage, Mayor Bouziga, and Town Attorney Jarreau and on 11/4/2024, Council gave 30 days with next update due 12/2/2024.
- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condemnation Order issued and Council requested to go out for bids due 11/4/2024. Bids unopened due to 30 day extension with next update due 12/2/2024.
- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares (all have a 10% interest), Mary Brown Phares, Edward Verdin, and Mary Phares Cox-Condemnation Order issued.
- BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane-Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux, Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr., and Alice Bruce Boudreaux-Condemnation Order issued.
- BC 1071-400 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-The Vindez Corporation, Vince Diez, as Agent for Service of Process-SCPDC’s Building Inspector Morvant advised that the building is boarded up since the previous inspection, but the progress should continue until the building is weather tight and no longer in a condemnable state. A motion to have a condemnation hearing, 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.

New Business

A motion to approve October 2024’s Budget to Actuals Financial Statement, 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 request an inspection at the house behind BC 1065 (Annesse and/or Anderson Borne), 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.

The Mayor, Council, and Citizens discussed possible changes to Board of Alderman election requirements.

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

A motion to add a cluttered property 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.

Council Member Latiolais advised that she has been getting complaints on the cluttered property around the former Me-Maws Cajun Cuisine at 2606 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard. The discussion got heated. A motion to add the cluttered property around the former Me-Maws Cajun Cuisine at 2606 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard to the Attorney's Report on the next agenda, so they can research what can be done about it, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: Cheramie; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Daniel Lorraine let everyone know that Early Voting starts on 11/22/2024 and he is hoping we will get the backstop for the adult baseball field before the end of the year.

Renata Guidry, secretary for the Golden Meadow Rotary Club asked if they could use somewhere else in the park for the Annual Christmas Parade, because the Pavilion is rented out on the day of the parade. GMMS is renting the Pavillion for a Reindeer Run and Nancy Fillinich stated that it ends at 12:00 PM and she can just give the Pavilion key to Renata after that for the use of the Pavilion.

Billy Brunet advised that 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.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised that copies of the 2025 Proposed Budget are available in the office if anyone wants to view it or get a copy.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:19 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK