

**TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-UNABRIDGED**

**Monday, December 2, 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, December 2, 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 Touns

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE

Others attending were: Brandy Alonzo, Ben Autin, Bryce Autin, Chad Breaux, Archie Chaisson, Doug Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Nancy Fillinich, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Angie Matherne, Dwayne Matherne, Rickey Messer, Tammy Messer, Keith Morvant, Tom Pitre, Johnny Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Alexis Schwertz, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, Bobby Wescovich, and Kyle Williams.

Archie Chaisson led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 11/18/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

**Mayor's Report:**

A motion to amend the 2024 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to adopt the 2025 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Touns; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson discussed Lafourche Parish's Right of Way with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Water District No. 1 Plant.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the Maintenance Crew has put 29 Christmas lights on the light poles. Entergy wanted the Town to install weather heads on the light poles before reconnecting them, so they donated \$10,000.00 for the materials and the Town did the labor to install them. Now the Town will be able to connect the lights on the poles without contacting Entergy. He stated that we have been working on building the light collection for 40 years and we are very fortunate to have had everything donated. He stated that FEMA reimbursed us around \$30,000.00 for damaged Christmas decorations from Hurricane Ida.

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Project Status Report:

- A motion to add funding for Sewer Phase IX to the agenda, 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.
- The Town has an opportunity to apply for a grant for Sewer Phase IX-we would just have to come up with 25% of the funding, which would be \$528,350.00. A motion to apply for the \$2,100,000.00 grant for Sewer Phase IX (Washington/Pershing), 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 defer Agenda Items: Project Status Report-Items 1-10 until the 12/16/2024 meeting, 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.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle LA1 Legislation Draft being worked on by Town Attorney Autin and Representative Joseph Orgeron. The Council provided a proposed legislation to Representative Orgeron and he will use this as one of his 5 allowed non-fiscal bills, introduced at the next session.
- Town Attorney Autin advised he spoke to the Parish Administrator today about Road Sales Tax District #2. The 2 streets with the most damage will be engineered by Joe Picciola and go out for bids later next year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> street with the least amount of damage should be able to be repaired by their maintenance contract. Council Member Toups advised there is a big drop off on Doucet Drive. Mayor Bouziga stated he would have the Maintenance Crew go and put some rocks on Doucet Drive for now.
- Town Attorney Autin advised he found out who owned the property where the American Legion monument is located and is looking into the Town being able to move it. Council

Member Toups will speak more about it with the American Legion Committee at their next meeting.

- 2606 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-Town Attorney Autin needs to establish what part of the property is in or out of town. Once that's established, then it would need to be figured out if it violates the Ordinance.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Chief Dufrene advised that the broken Tahoe has been taken to Scott's Auto Repair, but they haven't determined what is wrong with it yet.

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 the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 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. As of 11/25/2024, the concrete construction is complete and awaiting handicap markings.

Council Member Cheramie is working on some criteria for Speed Humps on Washington Street, Dursette Street, and Cheramie Lane. Town Attorney Autin advised that Town Attorney Jarreau provided a draft of proposed guidelines for the Council to review.

Mayor Bouziga advised that we have submitted requests to Entergy to trim trees around the light poles for Falgout, Verrett, and Rue Pouche Vide streets.

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.

LGAP application 2024-2025-on 11/27/2024, the application was submitted 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 on 1<sup>st</sup> Structure and Notice to be Heard was on 11/4/2024 with Statement of claim pending. Council requested to go out for bids on the 2<sup>nd</sup> structure on the property due today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Demolition Bids Received:
  - Castin's-\$18,750.00
  - BJA LLC-\$3,800.00A motion to accept the demolition bid from BJA LLC, 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. Angie Matherne is present. SCPDC Building Inspector Morvant advised that everything from the initial condemnation report has been corrected. A motion to remove BC 1048 from 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, 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 give them 30 days, with an update at the 1/6/2025 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.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Kyle Breaux and Chad Breaux-Condemnation 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. He also stated that Chad was present during the inspection and advised it would be torn down before the end of the year. Mr. Breaux is present for the meeting and advised that BJA Construction will be demolishing it. A motion to give them 30 days to demolish the

structure, with an update at the 1/6/2025 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. Mayor Bouziga advised that we will hold on to the demolition bids if they are needed.

- 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 with the deadline of 12/4/2024 to repair or demolish. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection.
- 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 with the deadline of 12/4/2024 to repair or demolish. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Condemnation Order Issued for 30 days through Ad Hoc Attorney. Condemnation Hearing is today for Guldán LLC, Dylan Touchstone (Agent for Service of Process). 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 issue a 30 day condemnation order, 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 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve-Condemnation 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. Mr. Turnage called Mayor Bouziga and advised the structure would be torn down right after Christmas. Mr. Watkins advised we would reschedule the condemnation hearing for some time in February if needed.
- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepont-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no noticeable changes have been to the structure since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to move forward and open demolition bids, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Demolition Bids Received:
  - DTB General Contractors-Farrell Trahan of DTB General Contractors withdrew his bid
  - BJA LLC-\$6,800.00A motion to accept the demolition bid from BJA LLC, 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 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 12/16/2024.

- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 12/16/2024.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 12/16/2024.
- 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-SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is complete but the debris still remains. The owner has until 12/4/2024 to remove the debris. A motion to go out for debris removal bids after 12/4/2024 if the debris remains, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; 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 1072-131 Dursette Street-Nicholas Johnfroe-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 12/16/2024.
- BC 1071-400 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-The Vindez Corporation, Vince Diez, as Agent for Service of Process-Condemnation Hearing Scheduled for 12/16/2024.
- BC 1073-Annesse and/or Anderson Borne-Initial Inspection-SCDPC is waiting on the abstract to schedule the condemnation hearing.

#### New Business

Mayor Bouziga advised that effective 1/1/2025, UCB Bank will no longer honor 2 signature checks for the purposes of confirming that each check has 2 signatures, and our auditor said as long as our policy has not changed requiring 2 signatures, this will not be an issue. We have one account at UCB which is the Building Fund for the DMV.

Council Member Cheramie apologized to the Council, Mayor, and public regarding an exchange from the 11/18/2024 meeting.

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

Council Member Plaisance asked for an update on street signs. Mayor Bouziga advised that everything from the hurricane has been replaced except the caution lights and Oakridge Park signs. He stated he spoke to the Street Supervisor to survey the street signs that need to be fixed.

Council Member Plaisance asked Police Chief Dufrene who was responsible for the maintenance on police vehicles and Chief Dufrene advised each Police Office is responsible for their units.

A motion to add Harbor Police working this past week 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 unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Bouziga asked

why Harbor Police worked this past week. Chief Dufrene advised he didn't have anyone to cover the shifts and the contract with Harbor Police was still valid.

Mayor Bouziga asked Chief Dufrene if the white Tahoe has a radar in it. Chief Dufrene advised that it does not. Mayor Bouziga asked why it sits on the side of the road and Chief advised him to ask the Assistant Chief. Chief Dufrene advised that the Assistant Chief handles his complaints during his shift. Council Member Latiolais asked why doesn't the Assistant Chief use the Chief's radar and the Chief advised he would give him his radar on the Assistant Chief's next hitch.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Brian Eymard asked if more houses would be added to the condemnation list and Mayor Bouziga advised there is a third list.

Johnny Plaisance stated the people building a house on Dursette Street are tearing his driveway up.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:04 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**RACHEL ROBICHAUX**  
**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**