

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-UNABRIDGED

Monday, December 16, 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 16, 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, Darren Anselmi, Ben Autin, Bryce Autin, Tracee Cloutier, Wilber Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Chris Fink, Jeray Jarreau, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Daniel Lorraine, Keith Morvant, Tom Pitre, Johnny Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Carroll Terrebonne, Edward Verdin, Tom Watkins, 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 12/2/2024, 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.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 12/2/2024, 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 authorize the Mayor to replace the engine in the 2023 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$7,000.00, 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.

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Project completed. Council will need to authorize Final Payment Request to be submitted to Facility Planning.
- 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 Grant) (Jefferson Street Drainage, Oakridge Park Drainage, Dursette/Pershing Area Drainage)-GIS contract executed and engineering work has begun.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Requesting servitude signatures-1 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, but will likely be extended due to delay in material.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-GIS estimating to go out for bid advertising soon.
- 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.
- The Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant-Contract awarded to Gainey's Concrete Products for \$11,932.00 and GIS is awaiting quotes from plumbers.
- FEMA preliminary maps were received and awaiting up follow up meeting with FEMA.
- Sewer Phase IX (9) (Washington and Pershing)-GIS applied for funding for Phase II of Water Sector Program.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau 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 Jarreau advised that they are still researching moving the American Legion monument located at the Golden Meadow American Legion Hall.
- 2606 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-A motion to have the land owner appear at the 1/6/2025 meeting to address concerns, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais; NAYS: Cheramie, Billiot; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Police Business: NONE

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of 12/31/2024:
 - Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle-Complete 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-Complete 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 1st Quarter of 2025 to repair the asphalt on Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street. He advised that they started working on 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 with Town Attorney Jarreau on some criteria for Speed Humps on Washington Street, Dursette Street, and Cheramie Lane. At the 12/2/2024 meeting, Town Attorney Autin 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 for 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 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. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that some demolition has been made since the previous inspection. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 1/21/2025 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 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. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to go out for demolition bids, 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.
- 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 no changes have been made since the previous inspection and all of the debris still remains. Council requested to go out for bids for debris removal due today. Debris Removal Bids Received:
 - BJA LLC-\$8,200.00A motion to accept the debris removal 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 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 1/21/2025 meeting, 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 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 1/21/2025 meeting, 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 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ms. Alonzo's contractor Chris Fink from Dynamic Group is here and will be able to give an update at the next meeting. A motion to give them 14 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 1072-131 Dursette Street-Nicholas Johnfroe-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to go out for 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 1071-400 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-The Vindez Corporation, Vince Diez, as Agent for Service of Process-Condemnation Hearing Scheduled for today, but SCPDC was unable to effectuate service. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection and should continue until the building is weather tight. A motion to have them personally served the Condemnation Hearing notice by their parish's police department, 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 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Demolition is Complete on 1st Structure and Notice to be Heard was on 11/4/2024. On 12/2/2024, the council awarded a demolition bid for Structure 2 to BJA LLC. Waiting for attorneys to prepare Notice of Demolition.
- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condemnation Order issued. On 12/2/2024, the council awarded a demolition bid to BJA LLC. Notice of Demolition was served on 12/16/2024.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne, Guldán LLC, Dylan Touchstone (Agent for Service of Process)-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 1/6/2025.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 1/6/2025.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Kyle Breaux and Chad Breaux-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 1/6/2025.
- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve-Condemnation Order Issued. Euell Turnage-Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 1/6/2025.
- BC 1073-Annesse and/or Anderson Borne-Initial Inspection-SCPDC is waiting on the abstract to schedule the condemnation hearing.

New Business

A motion to approve November 2024's Budget to Actuals Financial Statement, 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 Bouziga asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought up to the Council.

Council Member Latiolais and Council Member Toups thanked the public for allowing them to serve them for their terms.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Johnny Plaisance asked who was responsible for the cost of demolishing homes. Mayor Bouziga explained we pay for it and then the cost is added to the owner's tax bill.

Darren Anselmi asked about how sewer was billed on the water bill.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 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