

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday February 5, 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 Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Frank Boura 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, Natalie Autin, Frank Boura, Mike Callais, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Tammy McPhail, Robbi Michel, Perry Perrin, John Plaisance, Mikie Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Carroll Terrebonne, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, Bobby Wescovich, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the Town's regular meeting minutes from January 22, 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:

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-work in progress and the deadline to complete is 5/31/2024.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-A motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Servitude Acquisitions and Donations on behalf of the Town of Golden Meadow, 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. Advertising began on 1/30/2024 and bids are to be opened on 3/5/2024.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-GOHSEP approval and under FEMA review.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (FMA)-GIS working on next step and coordinating with GOHSEP.

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8))-GIS Engineering has performed the survey for the servitudes and Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau will be working on the title and appraisal work.
- Capital Outlay-replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-on 2/5/2024, Town Engineer Plaisance gave Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier the plans and specs to send to Facility Planning, so we can start advertising.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction; plans were sent for review; advertising expected February/March 2024. Plans should be ready to discuss before the next meeting.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-FEMA has completed the site inspection.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for the fiscal year 2024-2025 were submitted on 10/31/2023 and we are waiting for them to go through the legislative process which will be in June 2024.
- Interior Door in Town Hall-work completed. A motion to remove interior door in Town Hall from the agenda, 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.
- Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced; Council awaiting design drawings and GIS and authorized GIS to get 3 quotes for the work, which they will present at the 2/20/2024 meeting.

Attorney's Report:

- A motion to defer Items 1, 3, and 4 from the agenda to the 2/20/2024 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 introduce an Ordinance regarding the request from Harvey Gulf to revoke and set aside the dedication of the portion of Avenue H south of Ridgewood Boulevard and have a public hearing on 2/20/2024, 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.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-After Mardi Gras, all the streets shall be accessed.
- 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.
- A motion to hire Jorge Verde, who passed all the preemployment tests, at \$15.50/hour, with a raise to \$17.50/hour once he graduates the Police Academy; with a probation period of a year after Academy graduation, where his pay would then increase to \$19.00/hour, 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

- A motion to hire Carlito Brown, who passed all the preemployment tests, at \$15.50/hour, with a raise to \$17.50/hour once he graduates the Police Academy; with a probation period of a year after Academy graduation, where his pay would then increase to \$19.00/hour, 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.
- Chief Dufrene had a discussion with the Council about Police Employee Benefits-where the town would pay 100% Police employee family health insurance. Mayor Bouziga requested a study to be done on the price for all town employee's family insurance-100% and 50% portion. A motion to leave this on the agenda and get those costs, 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 add hiring a reserve officer to 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, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to hire a reserve officer with a 2-year probation, and send them to the police academy, 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.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- Project 673219-Pump Station Building-tank installation to take place within the next couple of months. The windows and shutters are being installed this week.
- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of February 2024; an extension has been requested:
 - 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 and Caution Signs
 - Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
 - Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies
 - Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed
 - Project 673226 (2753)-Basketball Pavilion and Canopy Next to Senior Citizens
 - Project 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request. Pending PDMG Scope and Cost Routing.
- Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat-Pending CRC Project Development.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (combined into one project for possible alternate project)-50% rule request. Pending Initial Development.

- Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal-Site Inspection has been completed. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that FEMA will send a site inspector out when we complete this project, so they can authorize more dumpsters if needed.

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 waiting on estimates from Barriere Construction and Huey Stock Hill to repair Ridgewood Boulevard., Doucet Drive, and Norman Street

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting for possible Recreation District funding to purchase Uline trash cans for the 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) Tom Watkins presented the updates on the Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. On 1/2/2024, a Condemnation Order was issued for Charles Battles for 30 days with a deadline of 2/8/2024; with a Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 2/5/2024 with Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux III for Christina Battles. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux is present via Zoom. SCPDC Building Inspector's Joseph Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection from 1/2/2024, and they recommend proceeding with the condemnation. Attorney Gouaux ran an advertisement on 12/7/2023 and 12/13/2023 and mailed a certified letter to 135 Pierce Street, which was signed for, asking for the homeowner to contact him; however, he was never contacted. A motion to issue a condemnation order for 30 days on BC 1023 for Christina Battles, 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 1024-2124 South Bayou Drive-Noel Camardelle and Sidney C. Kelley-Condemnation Order was issued for 3/1/2024. Mayor Bouziga advised that the building was torn down and asked for the building inspector to give an update at the 2/20/2024 meeting.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-The building was torn down, and the building inspector will give an update at the 2/20/2024 meeting.
- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to open the demolition bids for BC 1029, 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.
 - Adams Land & Property Management, LLC-\$17,500.00
 - BJA, LLC-\$14,500.00
 - DTB General Contractors-\$14,685.00
 - DDR Disaster Debris Removal, LLC-\$15,936.00
 - Yankee Enterprises, LLC-\$38,500.00

○ Marine Aluminum Products-\$35,000.00

A motion to accept the demolition bid of \$14,500.00 from BJA, LLC, 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. There were 3 bids for 3 different properties in the envelope from Yankee Enterprises, LLC and Council Member Billiot expressed concern about them being in the same envelope and wondering if they should be disqualified. Mayor Bouziga called Town Attorney Bryce Autin and he stated that it was ok that the 3 bids were in the same envelope, as long as none of them are over \$250,000.00.

- BC 1030-Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Demolition bids were due today, but the building is under new ownership. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the debris is cleaned up, but the building is still in condemnable condition. A motion to delay opening the 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 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Total Wireline Services-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin-SCPDC Watkins advised the Council that they do not have proper service on the homeowners, but homeowner Perry Perrin is present, so SCPDC was able to serve him. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that they are still actively working on the property. A motion to give the property owner 30 days, with a building inspection and update on 3/4/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, seconded by Council Member Cheramie. 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). The next update is due on 2/20/2024.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there have been no changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the inspection. Corine Berthelot went through the succession and is now the sole homeowner. She advised the Council that she is waiting on some bids to either tear it down or fix it and she also has people interested in purchasing it as is. A motion to give the property owner 30 more days, with an update at the 3/4/2024 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-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there has been progress made since the 12/18/2023 inspection on the roof underlayment. Homeowner Robbi Michel is present and stated they were granted the permit and are working on repairing the roof and closing it in to sell it. A motion to give the property owner 30 more days, with an update at the 3/4/2024 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. 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-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the 1/2/2024 inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to open the demolition bids for BC 1037, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. Council Member Toups advised that there is a problem with the succession that is holding up the transfer of the property. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
 - DTB General Contractors-\$7,243.00
 - BJA, LLC-\$6,250.00
 - Adams Land & Property Management, LLC-\$4,900.00-received 1/17/2024
 - Marine Aluminum Products-\$4,900.00-received 1/10/2024
 - Yankee Enterprises, LLC-\$8,700.00A motion to accept the demolition bid of \$4,900.00 from Marine Aluminum Products, because it was received first, 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 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-SCPDC Watkins advised the Council that the property is involved in an Insurance litigation with the proper amount not being paid out. The attorney requested that the hearing not go forward because it would be a spoliation of evidence should the property be demolished. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the 1/2/2024 inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to issue a condemnation order for 30 days on BC 1038, 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 1039-114 St. Mary Street-Richard and Kiesha Plaisance-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the deadline of 2/20/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at 2/9/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the deadline of 2/8/2024.
- BC 1042-106 Alario Lane-Alan and Evelyn France-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the deadline of 2/11/2024.
- BC 1045-1812 South Bayou Drive-P.J. and Beverly St. Pierre-On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Hearing was scheduled for 1/22/2024, but then postponed to the 2/20/2024 meeting. Council requested that the Building Inspector inspect the building before the 2/20/2024 meeting, because it has been torn down.
- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Hearing was scheduled for 1/22/2024, but then postponed to the 2/20/2024 meeting. Council Member Toups stated there is a For Sale sign on the building.
- BC 1047-135 Fred Street-Monica and Jon Yoss-On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Hearing was scheduled for 1/22/2024, but then postponed to the 2/20/2024 meeting. Council requested that the Building Inspector inspect the building before the 2/20/2024 meeting, because it has been torn down.

- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-On 12/18/2023, a Condemnation Hearing was scheduled for 1/22/2024, but then postponed to the 2/20/2024 meeting.

New Business

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

Town Citizen Brian Eymard stated that after all of the rain that we had, that the drains by the old post office and Picciola Lane weren't really draining, that water was coming under the seawall by his dock, and that the screws were possibly broken. Mayor Bouziga advised we would get someone to look at it and get DOTD to clean the drain traps and culverts on LA1.

A motion to add Krewe des Couyons Parade 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: Cherie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to allow Krewe des Couyons Parade to move their parade to 2/11/2024 at 2:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Touns; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cherie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Council Member and Rotary Club President Billiot advised the Council that the Rotary Club has a donation for the Town. Rotary Club Treasurer Frank Boura presented The Town of Golden Meadow with a donation of \$3,000.00 to put towards the lights and ceiling fans at the park.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:12 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Touns; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK