

**TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, February 20, 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 Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Mike Callais led everyone in prayer.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Mike Billiot, Kip Plaisance, and Willis Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie and Laci Latiolais

Others attending were: Natalie Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Lucas Bourgeois, Mike Callais, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Tal Griffin, Morris Hunter, Jeray Jarreau, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Monica Matherne, Tammy McPhail, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Mary Rotolo, Jeremiah St. Pierre, Tom Watkins, Bobby Wescovich, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from February 5, 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that Lafourche Parish will be installing an outdoor fitness area at the Golden Meadow Oakridge Park within the next few months.

**Building Permits:**

Board of Adjustments Chairman McNeely Rome presented the variance request for Ashley Adams from 27.2' to 8' for the rear yard for new construction. Chairman Rome stated that after discussion, the Board of Adjustments recommends approving the variance request from 27.2' to 8' for the rear yard for new construction. A motion to go with the Board of Adjustments recommendation, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

A motion to defer the Project Status Report, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

**Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:**

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry and Martin Perkins)-Town Attorney Jarreau stated that Town Attorney Bryce Autin has been speaking with Attorney Craig Stewart who will represent Walter Guidry, so service should be successful for a Condemnation Hearing on 3/4/2024. Town Attorney

Jarreau advised the Council that Attorney Stewart wants to have a meeting with the South Central Planning and Development Commission's Building Inspector and the Mayor before the Condemnation Hearing.

- A motion to disapprove an Ordinance revoking and setting aside of the dedication of a portion of Avenue H of Ridgewood Subdivision, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- Town Attorney Jarreau discussed the possibility of Tamplain Lane being turned back over to the Town with the Mayor and Council. Yard Foreman Sal Gonzalez, Jr. took pictures of the street for the Council and stated that it is in a decent enough condition to be put back into the Town. GIS Engineering gave the opinion that it is decent, but that some drainage right of ways need to be obtained before taking it back. A map will have to be drawn for this, so we will reach out to the owners to see if they will pay for it, since they want the town to take the street back.
- Town Attorney Jarreau advised that there is a Communication Policy, Grievance Policy and Hostile Work Environment Policy in the binders for the Council to review and send her their thoughts for the Town of Golden Meadow Policies and Procedures.
- A motion to change the Asset Keeper from \$500.00 to \$2000.00 in the Payables/Purchases section of the Policies and Procedures, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-The Sheriff's Office did some assessments, but the Chief hasn't received any reports yet.
- 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.
- Town Attorney Jarreau and Police Chief Dufrene presented some different costs for family/spouse/children health insurance and some benefits of other local Police Departments. A motion to defer discussing this until the 3/4/2024 meeting, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- A motion to hire Bobby Wescovich, 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 Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- A motion to authorize Chief Dufrene to have 5 full time Police Officers on staff, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- January 2024 Police Stats:
  - 802 calls for service
  - 107 cases
  - 66 citations

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- 5 arrests
- A motion to add Police Detail to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- Chief Dufrene advised the Council that the Harbor Police Chief is willing to assist the GMPD and give us some of his time. He is willing to come patrol some weekends. The Harbor Police Chief also advised he would be ok with his officers working detail shifts at a discount rate if the Port Commission approves it and we would pay the officer directly. A motion for our Town Attorneys to work on an agreement with the Port Commission to allow us to hire some of their officers in a detail position, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

### Old Business

#### Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- Project 673219-Pump Station Building-tank installation to take place within the next couple of months.
- 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-Town Attorney Jarreau advised the Mayor and Council that at the next meeting we may revoke the bids previously submitted for this if they do not cover everything needed so we may go out for bidding again.
  - 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-this is complete. A motion to remove Project 673226 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
  - Project 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory-The order was placed for the replacements.
  - Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat
  - Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request. Pending CRC review.
- 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.

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

- Barriere Construction-\$299,877.45

- Huey Stockhill-\$152,887.50

He stated that he spoke with Lafourche Parish President Archie Chiasson and he assured the Mayor that there is a project coming the middle or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year and these are on the list for patchwork.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the Recreation District purchased 25 Uline trash cans for the park and they should be delivered within a month.

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. For Charles-Issued a Condemnation Order on 1/2/2024 with a deadline of 2/8/2024. For Christina-Issued a Condemnation Order on 2/5/2024 to Ad Hoc Attorney with a deadline of 3/15/2024.
- BC 1024-2124 South Bayou Drive-Noel Camardelle and Sidney C. Kelley-SCPDC Building Inspector Joseph Cehan advised that the structure has been torn down and cleaned up; he recommends removing it from the agenda. A motion to remove BC 1024 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that they are still demoing and recommends giving more time. A motion to give the owners until the 3/18/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-On 2/5/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction for \$14,500.00 Town Attorney Jarreau stated that Mr. Joey Rebstock is interested in buying a portion of the building, so if he does that, then the bid dimensions would have to be modified. Town Attorney Jarreau asked SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan to meet with Mr. Rebstock to let him know what repairs need to be made. A motion to get a report at the 3/18/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1030-Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-A Condemnation Order was issued to Polly Cheramie, but service hasn't been made on the trust of Alan Cheramie. A motion to hire an Ad Hoc Attorney to represent the trust of Alan Cheramie, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Total Wireline Services-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/4/2024 meeting.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there have been no changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Mr. Callais advised the Council that they are cleaning the inside up and working with their employees to get their stuff out. They are also working with a contractor to get a price on demolishing vs. salvaging the building. Mr. Callais is requesting more

time to work on the building. A motion to give Mr. Callais until the 3/18/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/4/2024 meeting.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/4/2024 meeting.
- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-On 2/5/2024, the demolition bid was awarded to Marine Aluminum Products. LLC for \$4,900.00, but Council gave 30 days for potential purchaser to buy the property, with an update at the 3/18/2024 meeting.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Mr. Watkins advised that at the last meeting, the condemnation order was issued in error because proper service had not been made on the agent. When serving an LLC, personal service needs to be made and only domiciliary service was made. A motion to rescind the previous condemnation order on BC 1038, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1039-114 St. Mary Street-Richard and Kiesha Plaisance-Mayor Bouziga advised that the building has been demolished, but the debris still needs to be picked up. A motion to mail Richard and Kiesha Plaisance a letter, giving them 1 week to clean up the debris, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that Mr. Eymard continues to make progress. Mr. Eymard stated he is working on it and making progress. A motion to give Mr. Eymard until the 3/18/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that demolition is continuing. A motion to give the homeowner until the 3/18/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1042-106 Alario Lane-Alan and Evelyn France-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes to the building since the previous inspection, except the abandoned vehicle is gone, so they recommend proceeding with the condemnation. A motion to take SCPDC's recommendation and go out for bids, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1045-1812 South Bayou Drive-P.J. and Beverly St. Pierre-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that the structure has been torn down and cleaned up; he recommends removing it from the agenda. A motion to remove BC 1045 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes to the building since the previous inspection, He stated that the grass has been cut and Mr. St. Pierre does have the building for sale as is. It is still in a condemnable state, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Mr. St. Pierre stated he was not served until 1/27/2024 so the minutes need to reflect that, and he is getting quotes to tear the building down. A motion to issue a 30-day condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1047-135 Fred Street-Monica and Jon Yoss-SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that the structure has been torn down and cleaned up; he recommends removing it from the agenda. A motion to remove BC 1047 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Mr. Watkins stated that proper service has not been made, so we cannot move forward with the condemnation due to lack of service. The owners did come to a previous meeting and stated that they wanted to sell, demo, or rebuild. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that there have been no changes since the previous inspection. Mr. Watkins asked Chief Dufrene if they could send the summons to the Lafayette Police, or they could attempt the certified letter again. A motion to have Chief Dufrene send the summons to the Lafayette Police to move forward, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

#### New Business

A motion to approve the January 2024 Budget to Actuals Financial Reports, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

A motion to authorize the payment of an invoice to Scott's Auto Repair for the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe (PD04) in the amount of \$5,809.67, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the letter to Richard Greene about the tree on his property came back undeliverable. Town Attorney Jarreau stated that the property is about to go up for public auction. She is going to research how to proceed if the tree is a danger to the neighbors and not being able to serve the landowner. A motion to move forward to be able to tear the tree down, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Council Member Plaisance advised that the next Library Board meeting is 4/22/2024 and the Parish has been given the go ahead to determine the cost of a library in Golden Meadow. Mayor Bouziga also spoke to the Library Chairman and she and an architect are going to look at a building in town this week.

Council Member Billiot advised the Council that he thinks we should be more in line with the parish for the bidding process and that the debris needs to be hauled off properly to a waste field. Town Attorney Jarreau is going to investigate this and draft a proposal.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the new Condemnation Hearings scheduled for 2/20/2024:

- Mr. Watkins advised that they have not been able to make service on the following properties: BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard; BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne); and BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier, and he asked that an Ad Hoc Attorney be appointed. A motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney for BC 1044, BC 1048, and BC 1051, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1058-South Bayou Drive-Two P., LLC (Agent-Glenn J. Plaisance)-Mr. Watkins advised that who they have listed as the owner is saying he does not own it, so he is asking that the matter be continued until the 3/18/2024 meeting. A motion to continue the condemnation hearing for BC 1058 until the 3/18/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Lafourche Parish Fire District 3 Chief Devin Dedon asked for the community's support on the upcoming fire millage ballot on 4/27/2024. The Fire Department will have a town hall meeting on 3/16/2024 at the Cut Off Youth Center.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:26 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. 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**