

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 4, 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, March 4, 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 Bryce Autin led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Natalie Autin, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Bryce Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Tammy McPhail, Robbi Michel, Dawn Pitre, John Plaisance, Henry Porche, Rachel Robichaux, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's public hearing minutes from February 20, 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from February 20, 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:

Bryce Cheramie fom Cheramie Farms addressed the Council about being able to set up their petting zoo during events at the park. He advised they always clean up after the animals and the only thing they may do will be to eat the grass. A motion to allow Cheramie Farms to have their petting zoo for events at the park, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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. A motion to add approving a change order adjust the contract quantities to account for field conditions to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded

by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie. A motion to approve a change order increasing the contract price by \$33,250.00 and to pay for it out of ARPA funds, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-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 steps.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8))-GIS survey sent to Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau who is working on the title and appraisal work.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Planning and Construction; Received comments back from Facility Planning and expect to address them this week.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-GIS is still working on those plans and plans to meet with our staff this or next week.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-The site inspection was completed on 2/6/2024.
- 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.
- Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced. Council awaiting design drawings from GIS and authorized GIS to get 3 quotes for the work. Town Engineer Plaisance advised they are still waiting on the 3 quotes.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry and Martin Perkins)-Condemnation Hearing 3/4/2024. Town Attorney Autin advised that SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan inspected the property today. Mr. Cehan advised the Council that there have been improvements since the initial report from December 2022, but there is still cause for concern for some of the roof on the 2nd story structure in the back of the building. There is rotten wood, appears to be termite damage, defects in the rafters, and underlayment, etc. Mayor Bouziga advised that they had a meeting with Mr. Guidry and Attorney Craig Stewart today and Mr. Guidry has been working on the inside. He is now aware that he needs to fix the roof in case we have a weather event that would be a danger to surrounding citizens. Attorney Stewart wants to submit into record the engineer's report that Mr. Guidry received that is in line with the building inspector's report. A motion to give Mr. Guidry until the 4/15/2024 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- Town Attorney Autin discussed the possibility of Tamplain Lane being turned back over to the Town with the Mayor and Council. Town Attorney Autin advised that he received an email from Marc Cheramie giving permission from all of the land owners to donate Tamplain Lane and the right of way back over to the town. Town Attorney Autin recommends getting a drainage

servitude if the town is interested in taking it back. A motion for Town Attorney Autin to move forward with preparing the needed documents, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- Council to review and provide feedback to authorize the following polices to be added to the TOGM's policies and procedures: Communication Policy, Grievance Policy and Hostile Work Environment Policy. A motion to approve the policies, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. Town Attorney Autin advised that they still need feedback on the some of the policies from the Council before submitting a final draft for approval. Council Member Plaisance and Council Member Latiolais rescinded their motion. A motion for Town Attorney Autin to move forward with preparing the final policies, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Act of Donation with Lafourche Parish Government for the Starlink Device to be donated to the Town, 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: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Letter of No Objection for the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission in conjunction with DOTD to place signs within the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- A motion to defer the executive session regarding the security policy for access doors to the end of the meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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.
- Chief Dufrene advised he has nothing new to add for Police Employee Benefits.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign a detail agreement with Greater Lafourche Port Commission for police personnel at \$30 per hour, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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 2025:
 - 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 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory-order was placed for 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 the Parish will request bids in the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2024 to repair the asphalt on Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the 25 Uline trash cans that the Recreation District ordered for the park have arrived and been placed. Council Member Latiolais thanked the Recreation District for the donation. A motion to remove Uline trash cans for the park, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-Demolition bid was awarded on 12/4/2023 with next update on 3/18/2024.
- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Demolition bid was awarded on 2/5/2024 with next update on 3/18/2024.

- BC 1030-127 Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation hearing scheduled for 4/15/2024.
- BC 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin (Total Wireline Services)-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/4/2024 meeting. Dawn Pitre is here to give an update. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that all of the corrections in the areas of previous concerns have been made, but the owner needs to finish the capping on the front roof and anchor the base plates for the posts. Mr. Cehan advised the property is no longer condemnable. A motion to give owners until the 4/1/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/18/2024 meeting.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/4/2024 meeting. Ms. Dantin advised she has hired someone to fix the roof and porch. A motion to give Ms. Dantin until the 4/15/2024 meeting for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- 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. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that progress has been made to make the roof weathertight and a permit has been obtained for the work, which should continue until the building is completely weathertight. Ms. Michel advised that the final assessment will be done on 3/7/2024 and the materials will arrive next week. A motion to give owners until the 4/15/2024 meeting for an update, 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: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-Demolition bid was awarded on 2/5/2024, but Council gave 30 days for potential purchaser to buy the property, with an update at the 3/18/2024 meeting. Council Member Toups advised they are waiting for a succession to be done.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-on hold as per town attorneys who are speaking with their attorney. Town Attorney Autin advised he would get an update before the next meeting.
- BC 1039-114 St. Mary Street-Richard and Kiesha Plaisance-On 2/20/2024, Council requested a letter be sent to homeowners to remove the debris from the roadside within 7 days. Town Clerk Cloutier advised she just received the letter back today, so it will be mailed out on 3/5/2024 to the landowner.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/18/2024 meeting.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update at the 3/18/2024 meeting.

- BC 1042-106 Alario Lane-Alan and Evelyn France-On 2/20/2024, the Council requested to go out for bids due on 4/1/2024.
- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled to 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with a deadline of 4/1/2024.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled to 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 3/18/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled to 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1058-South Bayou Drive-Two P., LLC (Agent-Glenn J. Plaisance)-The Condemnation Hearing was scheduled 2/20/2024, but continued to 3/18/2024 due to ownership issue.

New Business

A motion to approve the parade permit request for Krewe des Babettes on 10/19/2024 at 7:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Robbi Michel asked if the sewage lift station's fence on Henry Street would be repaired because she is selling the property that it is located on. Mayor Bouziga advised that we are waiting on FEMA, but could maybe do something sooner and get reimbursed from FEMA if it is holding the sale up.

At 7:51 PM, a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss security policy regarding access doors, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

At 8:30 PM, a motion to get out of Executive Session discussing security policy regarding access doors, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:31 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK