

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 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, June 17, 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 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, Bryce Autin, Corine Berthelot, Rebecca Boquet, Joseph Cehan, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Thomas Pitre III, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's public hearing minutes from 6/3/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 6/3/2024, 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: A motion to authorize sending Mary Rotolo's relocation of property line request to the Planning and Zoning Commission, 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.

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 was 6/12/2024. Town Engineer Plaisance advised this should be complete within the next couple of weeks, before the 7/1/2024 Meeting.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-On 6/3/2024, the Notice to Proceed was issued; contract time is 180 days estimated to be end of 4th quarter of 2024.

- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-GOHSEP and FEMA did not approve; looking for other funding services. On 4/15/2024, authorized GIS to apply for the Delta Regional Authority Grant; working with Scalise, Cassidy, and Kennedy's offices on FY25 Appropriations Community Funding Request.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (FMA) (4 main drainage projects)-RFQ is being advertised with bids due by 7/1/2024.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Appraisal work completed and finalizing documents for signature.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Awaiting FP&C concurrence of award.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; plans came back too costly; GIS exploring alternate projects and they should have the design plans for the front before the next meeting.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for fiscal year 24-25 were submitted on 10/31/2024 for projects (Dursette-Pershing Drainage, Jefferson Street Drainage, Oakridge Park Drainage, Maintenance Building 30x80 Lean To (to replace Equipment Shed), Martinez Drainage and Culvert Cleaning Proposal with Atakapa Services), but no new projects were funded by the state, so we will try for funding again next year.
- Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced-awaiting quote from STAT and C&A Treatment Services to replace chamber.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry Jr. and Martin Perkins)-Condemnation Order issued for Owner with the next update due 7/1/2024.
- A motion to add 2607 North Bayou Drive (Richard Green property) to 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, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Town Attorney Autin advised the Council and Mayor Bouziga that 2607 North Bayou Drive was purchased at a tax sale, so there will be a new owner.

Police Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised that the dash cameras are expected to be installed on 6/18/2024 in all of the police vehicles.
- May 2024 Police Stats:
 - 543 calls for service
 - 233 cases
 - 329 violations
 - 1 arrest
- A motion to authorize declaring and dedicating the following items as surplus junk and no longer needed for public purpose:
 - Police Lights
 - Old Camera System
 - Cage

- Other Items from Police Car, and disposing of above items mentioned, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to authorize declaring and dedicating the 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe as surplus junk and no longer needed for public purpose; and to authorize putting it out for public bid once it is ready to be sold, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to add town curfew 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, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Mayor Bouziga, the Council, Police Chief Dufrene, and the Town Citizens discussed having a curfew and other ideas to help prevent theft and drug problems in the Town.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of June/July 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 and Caution Signs
 - Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed
 - Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies
 - Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat
 - Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal
 - Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request; asbestos found; awaiting FEMA project development.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (for possible alternate project)-as of 5/28/2024-moving forward in the FEMA system.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant (\$205,507.00) HB 788 through Act #403 extended the deadline from 6/30/2024 to 6/30/2025.

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 LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023 and the results are expected July/August 2024. He spoke with State Representative Joseph Orgeron and he believes we will get the full amount requested.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the cutting of the trees behind the DMV is complete. A motion to remove cutting of the trees behind the DMV from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member

Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised that a debris letter will be sent to the Estate for 115 Thomas Pitre Lane and they have started cleaning it up. Town Attorney Autin advised that if the Town removes the debris, it will show on the tax notice for the property.

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-On 5/20/2024, the previous demolition bid was rescinded due to it being for the whole building instead of just the front part. The Council requested to send out for demolition bids for the front of the building which are due 6/17/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation process. Mayor Bouziga advised we received 2 different bids from BM Construction-one is to haul off the cinder blocks to a landfill and one is to haul off the cinder blocks themselves. Mayor Bouziga recommends having the Town Attorney look into if they can haul the cinderblocks off themselves. A motion to open the demolition bids, 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.

Demolition Bids Received:

- DTB General Contractors-\$11,100.00
- BM Construction-\$12,500.00-if they have to dispose of the cinder blocks at a landfill
- BM Construction-\$7,500.00-if they can haul off cinder blocks themselves

A motion to have the Town Attorney take it under advisory, and find out if BM Construction can haul off the cinder blocks themselves, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; 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 1030-127 Tamplain Lane-Alan and Polly Cheramie-Appointed Ad Hoc Attorney for the Trust; Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with an update at the 7/1/2024 meeting.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. On 6/3/2024, the Council requested to serve notice to the new owner. Mr. Watkins advised that notice has been sent to Parish President Archie Chaisson. A motion to give the new owners 30 days, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection and a renovation permit is being obtained by the owner. They recommend allowing them to continue the renovation. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection and they recommend allowing them to continue the work. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Hearing Notice scheduled for 6/17/2024, but proper service has not been made on the agent. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that no one showed up for the walkthrough today and there has been just a little progress made since the last inspection. A motion to change the Condemnation Hearing to 7/15/2024, to try to get proper service, 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 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection and they recommend allowing him to continue the work. A motion to give him 30 days, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the demolition is complete but debris/materials still remains on site. A motion to give them 30 days to remove the debris/materials, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-On 4/15/2024, a Condemnation Order was issued and on 6/3/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to Castin's Construction Company for \$4,430.00. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the contracts were sent out today and demolition is expected to begin no earlier than 7/1/2024.
- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-Condemnation order issued and demolition bid was awarded to Harris Construction of LA, LLC for \$2,500.00. Mr. St. Pierre appeared at the 5/20/2024 meeting, and advised that the building was being donated, so Council gave him 30 days to have it moved. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the building is now demolished and all of the debris is removed. A motion to remove BC 1046 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-Condemnation Order issued 5/20/2024 and Council requested demolition bids, which are due 6/17/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the property has been boarded up and the roof

replaced, but those weren't the main concerns, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation process. Bids received:

- DTB General Contractors-\$4228.00
- BM Construction-\$3,300.00
- Castin Construction-\$6,248.00

A motion to accept the demolition bid from BM Construction for \$3,300.00, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; 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 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the work. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 7/15/2024 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 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-Condemnation Order issued 5/20/2024 with a deadline of 6/17/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation process. A motion to request demolition bids, 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.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 7/1/2024.

New Business

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

A motion to reappoint Troy Dufrene to the Fire Protection District No 3 Board, since his term is expiring on 6/27/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-A motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney for this property, 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 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-A motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney for Mary Brown Phares, Betty Phares Orgeron, and Jack Phares-all who have a 10% interest in this property, 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 Bouziga asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought up to the Council.

A motion to add Patsy Cheramie's Building Permit to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised that after speaking to the Town Attorneys, the new information for Patsy Cheramie's Building Permit will need to go straight to the Variance Board, where they will have a meeting that includes a Town Attorney and Town Engineer Plaisance.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Brian Eymard asked if he needed to get a permit to put a fence on his property and Town Engineer Plaisance advised him yes.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:16 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**