

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, July 1, 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, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Kip Plaisance 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, and Kip Plaisance

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Willis Toups.

Others attending were: Ben Autin, Rebecca Boquet, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Becky Crosby, Connie Demere, Troy Dufrene, Walter Guidry, Jeray Jarreau, Uriah Lasseigne, Chip Levens, Angie Matherne, Dwayne Matherne, Lauren Montalvo, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Tyree Smith, Craig Stewart, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, Bobby Wescovich, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 6/17/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Hurricane Preparedness

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to hire someone to paint the pickleball court, basketball court, and tennis court, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Building Permits

A motion to approve the Variance Request reconsideration for Patsy Cheramie at 2308 South Bayou Drive from 5' to 2.5', as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Council Member Willis Toups arrived at 7:03 PM.

After looking at the Engineer's Report, McNeely Rome from the Planning and Zoning Commission advised that they recommend approving the Dudley Plaisance Estate request for the redivision of lots located on the east side of Henry Street between St. Mary Street and Theriot Street. A motion to accept the Planning and

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Zoning Commission's recommendation, 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.

Chairman McNeely Rome from the Board of Adjustments advised that they recommend approving the variance request for a new Cingular Tower located on or near Chad Street and 2606 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard, with the stipulation that they have FFA Approval. A motion to accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. Chip Levens from AT&T is present and advised that they do have FFA Approval. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

McNeely Rome from the Planning and Zoning Commission advised that they recommend approving Mary Rotolo's request for the redivision of lots located between South Bayou Drive and South Alex Plaisance Boulevard. A motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation, 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.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Mayor Bouziga advised that Town Engineer John Plaisance could not make the meeting. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that everything is prepared for Lloyd and Sybil Ledet for Sewer Phase VIII, so they will be starting their process. Due to the absence of Town Engineer Plaisance, a motion to defer Project Status Report-Items 1 through 9 to the 7/15/2024 meeting, 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.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry Jr. and Martin Perkins)-Condemnation Order issued for Owner to repair or demolish the property. SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan advised that the fire damage to the structure has been repaired and the only other piece that SCPDC was worried about was the box-ins on the back half of the building. They were working on it today and it should be finished by tomorrow. A motion to give the Mr. Guidry until the 7/15/2024 meeting to have the building repaired, 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.

Police Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised that the dash cameras were installed in all of the police units and the officers are utilizing them. A motion to remove Police Department Equipment 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: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

- Update on Curfew and LPSO Assistance concerning nighttime crime—Chief Dufrene spoke with the Attorneys and they agreed that a night curfew for adults violates their civil rights. They are working on a plan with the LPSO. A motion to remove Update on Curfew and LPSO Assistance concerning nighttime crime from 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
- A motion to authorize declaring and dedicating the following items as surplus junk and no longer needed for public purpose:
 - PD-2158 Dell Laptop Service Tag 64HXVJ2
 - PD-2027 HP Elitebook Laptop GRTJ8-8GPHC-K7D4D-3FQFJ-YK3X2
 - PD-2076 MIFI SIM CARD 89011003300072973441
 - PD-2077 MIFI SIM CARD 89011003300072973458
 - PD-2076 MIFI SIM CARD 89011003300072973466
 - PD-2076 MIFI SIM CARD 89011003300072973433,and disposing of above items mentioned, 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.

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. Work is complete. A motion to remove Project 663139 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: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
 - Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request; asbestos found; awaiting FEMA project development. Town Clerk Cloutier advised they are having a call with FEMA next week.
- 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's (\$205,507.00) deadline is 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.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the debris letter was sent to the Estate for 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane on 6/25/2024. A motion to have the structure at 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane inspected for condemnation from SCPDC, 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. Mayor Bouziga asked Chief Dufrene to check if debris is being thrown into the lot next door to 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane, because he had a citizen complaint.

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 6/17/2024, demolition bids were received and opened for a portion of the building, but not awarded. The bids were sent to Town Attorney Bryce Autin for advisory remarks. Town Attorney Jarreau and Town Attorney Autin had a meeting about this matter and they recommend accepting the bid from DTB Contractors. A motion to award the demolition bid to DTB Contractors, 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.
- BC 1030-127 Tamplain Lane-Alan and Polly Cheramie-Appointed Ad Hoc Attorney for the Trust and Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that all of the necessary repairs have been made to the structure and they recommend removing it from the condemnation list. A motion to remove BC 1030 from the condemnation list, 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 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-Condemnation Order issued and deadline is 7/15/2024 for new owner to respond with plans for the property.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 7/15/2024, but the Council did request an update today, to see if the property is still condemnable. SCPDC Building Inspector Cehan advised that the renovation work is still ongoing. The roof has been replaced and the overhang is being rebuilt on the front porch, but it is still in a condemnable state.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 7/15/2024.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 7/15/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 7/15/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 7/15/2024.

- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-On 6/3/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to Castin's Construction Company for \$4,430.00 and work is expected to begin no earlier than 7/1/2024.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-On 6/17/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction for \$3,300.00 and we are awaiting contract signing. Property Owners Dwayne and Angie Matherne are present and Mr. Matherne addressed the Council. He advised that he thought he fixed everything to take it off of the condemnation list, so he is requesting a reinspection before demolition. A motion to get an update at the 7/15/2024 meeting, before any demolition is done, 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 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 7/15/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-Condemnation Order issued on 5/20/2024 with demolition bids due 7/15/2024
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 7/1/2024, but SCPDC was not able to properly serve homeowner, so they recommend postponing the Condemnation Hearing or having the Council appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney. 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.

New Business

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the new Condemnation Hearings scheduled for 7/1/2024:

- BC 1059-South Bayou Drive (Bayou Side across from American Legion)-Lady Dolcina, Inc (Terrie Melancon and Angela Melancon Guidry)-Owners were properly serviced. A motion to issue a Condemnation Order, and give the owners 30 days to repair, demolish, or sell the property, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Cheramie; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to allow the Town to hire one company, with the lowest rates for grass cutting, 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.

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A discussion was had between Town Attorney Jarreau, Chief Dufrene, Mayor Bouziga, the Town Council, and Citizens regarding Off-Road Vehicle Permits. The Town Attorneys will do more research on this matter, look at the Grand Isle and Thibodaux Off-Road Vehicle Ordinances, and present some information back to the Council.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Becky Crosby thanked the Mayor and Town Council.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:02 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**