

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 15, 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 15, 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 Morris Hunter led everyone in prayer.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Jody Cheramie, Kip Plaisance, and Willis Toups.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Mike Billiot and Laci Latiolais.

Others attending were: Ben Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Frank Boura, Lucas Bourgeois, Corine Berthelot, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Devin Dedon, Darryl Gisclair, Jeray Jarreau, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Nick Ledet, Keith Morvant, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Clifton Trahan, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 7/1/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits:

Chairman McNeely Rome from the Board of Adjustments advised that they recommend approving the rear yard variance request from 24' to 10.7' for Marty Terrebonne at 141 Jefferson Street. A motion to accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

A motion to remove Johnny Plaisance from the Planning and Zoning Commission, mail him a Thank You letter for his service, and replace Mr. Plaisance with Uriah Lasseigne, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to purchase and install a new park camera for the Senior Citizen's Building at a cost of \$1,288.25, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-the project is substantially complete and Town Engineer Plaisance will have the paperwork for the Council at the next meeting. Town Engineer Plaisance and Maintenance Supervisor Salvador Gonzalez came up with a punch list to present to the Contractor. The Control Box was damaged so they are working on that.
- 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. The Contractor had to order some equipment.
- 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 was advertised with proposals due by 7/1/2024. GIS is the only company that submitted a proposal, so the Town is having them complete a cost analysis to submit to FEMA.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Documents are prepared and are being taken to each property owner.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-On 6/17/2024 FP&C approved award and contract was signed. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier is working on getting it recorded so that project can be started.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; plans came back too costly; GIS has come up with an alternate plan, so they will have a set of drawings for the Council's review next week.
- 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 quotes from STAT, C&A Treatment Services, and a few other companies to replace chamber.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry Jr. and Martin Perkins)-SCPDC Joseph Cehan advised that the property is structurally sound and no longer in a condemnable condition. A motion to remove 1504 S. Bayou Drive from the agenda, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- Off Road Vehicle Permits-Town Attorney Jarreau advised that Town Attorney Autin and she are looking at other towns and municipalities to see how they handle golf carts. She stated they will have to take our Ordinance and update it to comply with the Louisiana Revised Statutes.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Amendment with the Parish of Lafourche for the Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant extension, as presented, was made by Council Member

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

Police Business:

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. Work is complete. A motion to remove Project 715033 from 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
 - 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'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 that they sent an email to Parish President Archie Chaisson to make sure we are still on target for the 3rd quarter.

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. On 7/1/2024, the Council voted to have the structure at 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane inspected for condemnation from SCPDC. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised the structure is not condemnable, but there is junk and debris surrounding it.

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 7/1/2024, the demolition bid was awarded to DTB General Contractors with work to commence no earlier than 7/22/2024.
- 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. Mr. Watkins advised that the Parish President verbally stated they would be demoing the structure. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there hasn't been any changes since the last inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to proceed with the condemnation, with the next step being to go out for bids, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot. Town Attorney Jarreau is going to email Parish Administrator Mitch Orgeron to try to get an update.
- 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 they are working with the owner to get their permitting issue fixed so SCDPC can make sure everything is up to code. They recommend allowing them to continue the renovation. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 8/19/2024 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- 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 8/19/2024 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- 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 them to continue the work. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 8/19/2024 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the demolition work is complete, but there is still debris material on the property. A motion to mail the owner a letter to clear the debris, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- 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. Demolition hasn't begun yet, so Town Attorney Jarreau will follow up with the contractor.

- 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. On 7/1/2024, the Council requested SCPDC to reinspect the property. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the homeowners are repairing the structure, so they recommend allowing them to continue the work. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 8/19/2024 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condernation 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 them to continue the work. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 8/19/2024 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-Condernation Order issued on 5/20/2024 with demolition bids due 7/15/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there hasn't been any changes since the last inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Bids received:
 - DTB General Contractors-\$3,888.00
 - BM Construction-\$3,500.00A motion to accept the demolition bid from BM Construction for \$3,500.00, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condernation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condernation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- BC 1059-South Bayou Drive (Bayou Side across from American Legion)-Lady Dolcina, Inc (Terrie Melancon and Angela Melancon Guidry)-Condernation Order issued for 30 days with an update at the 8/5/2024 meeting. Council Member Cheramie advised that the owner moved the steps so it is not touching the seawall, so he doesn't think we have jurisdiction over it. Town Attorney Jarreau researched this and if it isn't touching the seawall, then the Parish or Port would be the ones to have jurisdiction over it, so she recommends removing it from the agenda for now. A motion to remove BC 1059 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Cheramie; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condernation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that we may know where to serve the owner, but on the meantime will keep the Ad Hoc Attorney appointed.

New Business

A motion to approve the June 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, Plaisance, Toups; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that 112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint (Parcel 0102053900) failed the structural analysis and is condemnable. A motion to add BC 1068-112 Marshland Street to the Condemnation List based on Inspection results, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that 234 Rue Pouche Vide-Hilda Alario Turnage (Parcel 0102057700) failed the structural analysis and is condemnable. A motion to add BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide to the Condemnation List based on Inspection results, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that 130 Pelican Lane-Athanase Borne (Parcel 0102045000) failed the structural analysis and is condemnable. A motion to add BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane to the Condemnation List based on Inspection results, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that 136 or 138 Pelican Lane (how the address is marked on the porch)-Julia Borne Boudreaux failed the structural analysis and is condemnable. A motion to add BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane to the Condemnation List based on Inspection results, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that 136 Dursette Street-Lucas Bourgeois failed the structural analysis and is condemnable, but he spoke to the homeowner today and he is going to be demolishing it. The homeowner is present and Mr. Bourgeois advised he would be tearing down as soon as he can. A motion to add BC 1064-136 Dursette Street to the Condemnation List based on Inspection results, 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; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Latiolais, Billiot.

Mr. Watkins thanked Building Inspector Cehan as this is his last meeting since he got promoted to the Assistant CBO for the City of Baton Rouge. Building Inspector Keith Morvant will be replacing him.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Town Citizen Michelle Lafont introduced herself and announced her candidacy for Chief of Police.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**