

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 5, 2024
Golden Meadow Town Hall
107 Jervis Dr.
Golden Meadow, LA 70357**

Mayor Joey Bouziga was present for the public meeting and called it to order on Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Mike Billiot, Jody Cheramie, Laci Latiolais, Kip Plaisance, and Willis Touns.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE

Others attending were: Joni Alario, Bryce Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Frank Boura, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Kevin Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Connie Demere, Brian Eymard, Nancy Filinich, Darryl Gisclair, Zachary Gisclair, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Patricia Louviere, Angie Matherne, Dwayne Matherne, Ricky Messer, Joseph Orgeron, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, and Tom Watkins.

Willis Touns led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

New Business

Adopt the millage rates for the year 2024:

- A motion to adopt the General Alimony millage rate of 6.16 mills for the year 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Touns. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to adopt the Levee Maintenance millage rate of 5.25 mills for the year 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Touns; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to adopt the Drainage Maintenance millage rate of 5.25 mills for the year 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to adopt the Street & Public Improvements millage rate of 5.16 mills for the year 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 7/15/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Touns. The Council unanimously approved the

motion as presented. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses:

A motion to approve the Occupational License for TILLCO--Tillman Terrebonne, Jr.-Diesel Mechanic Marine, 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.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised that they met with the Contractor last week to discuss the punch list and he was ok with everything on the list. A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for June 27, 2024, 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.
- 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. Work was started today on 8/5/2024.
- 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)-1 bid received and awaiting GOHSEP approval to proceed.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Requesting servitude signatures.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Pre-Construction Conference held on 7/31/2024 and the Contractor is providing submittals for the various equipment and other pieces.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; Town Engineer Plaisance has drawings to provide.
- 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 be resubmitting for these 9 projects plus 1 more on 11/1/2024 for next year's requests.
- 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 Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle Permits-Council to review revised statute and introduce revisions to the Town Ordinance to comply with LA revised statutes. A motion to authorize Town Attorney Autin to work with State Representative Joseph Orgeron to keep revising the statute where golf carts are able to ride on the shoulder of LA1, 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.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the GLPC for the yearly placement of promotional signs/billboards, 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.

Police Business:

- June 2024 Police Stats:
 - 403 calls for service
 - 138 cases
 - 156 violations
 - 1 arrest
- July 2024 Police Stats:
 - 881 calls for service
 - 223 cases
 - 262 violations
 - 1 arrest
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to issue/sign a Letter of Intent to purchase a new police vehicle for Budget Year 2024 due to a deadline to order a vehicle of 10/31/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; 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.
- A motion to hire Post-Certified Police Officer Tyree Smith, who passed his psychological exam, at \$17.50/hour, with a probation period of a year, after which his pay would then increase to \$19.00/hour, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. This motion comes with the stipulation that the town pays whatever he owes to Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office (examples: Academy, Bulletproof Vest, Psychological Testing, etc.) not to exceed \$2,000.00. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Update on LPSO Assistance-Chief Dufrene has been talking to LPSO and the Sherriff and they are still helping GMPD monitor certain houses.
- A motion to send a letter to GLPC Harbor Police from GMPD thanking them for their assistance, and having it signed by the Mayor and Town Council, 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.

- A motion to add Police Officer phones to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Council Member Plaisance asked if the Council Members could have the Police Officer's company paid phone numbers. Chief Dufrene stated he would provide them and their schedules in case they need to contact the police officers.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of August 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 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request; asbestos found; awaiting update from FEMA on next step.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (for possible alternate project)-awaiting update from FEMA on next step.

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 will contact Lafourche Parish President Archie Chaisson for an update.

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 7/15/2024, the SCPDC inspection passed. As of today, the property is still full of debris. A motion to go out for bids for debris clean-up, 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.

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. On 7/15/2024, the Council requested to go out for bids due on 8/19/2024. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau received an email from Lafourche Parish Administrator Mitch Orgeron that the building will be torn down.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 8/19/2024.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 8/19/2024.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-The Agent was served and Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 9/3/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 8/19/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 8/19/2024. On 7/15/2024, the Council requested letter to be sent to remove debris from property.
- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-Property is demolished and cleaned up. A motion to remove BC 1044 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, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-On 6/17/2024, a demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction and is awaiting contract signing. On 7/15/2024, the Council gave until 8/19/2024 to repair or demolish. Homeowner Angie Matherne advised they have made some repairs.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 8/19/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-On 7/15/2024, the demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction with work to commence no earlier than 8/12/2024.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024. Town Clerk Cloutier advised she received an email from Chad Breaux stating he hired a land clearing company to clear the property and is asking the Council for more time. He is also having the succession fixed.
- 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-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 8/19/2024.
- BC 1064-136 Dursette Street-Estate of Nolta Joseph Terrebonne, Estate of Robert John Terrebonne and Estate of Karen Terrebonne Callais-Need to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane-Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux and Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr.- Need to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Need to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve Need to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.

Town Attorney Autin advised that according to the Ordinance, the Mayor can appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney without the Council's approval, so the Mayor will be appointing one for BC 1064, BC 1065, BC 1066, BC 1067, and future properties that need an Ad Hoc Attorney.

- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condernnation Hearing scheduled for 9/3/2024.

New Business

A motion to approve the July 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: 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 adding a street light at 2606 South Alex Plaisance Blvd 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: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to add a street light at 2606 South Alex Plaisance Blvd, 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.

A motion to add tall grass to the agenda, 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. Council Member Latiolais asked if we can start enforcing the ordinance for tall grass, where we won't have to keep mailing certified letters and advertising in the newspaper for the repeat offenders.

State Representative Orgeron advised that the Golden Meadow Bridge is about 80% fixed.

Buffy Charpentier reminded everyone that school was starting on 8/7/2024.

State Representative Orgeron added that the Local Community Block Grant is \$100,000.00 to be split between Town of Golden Meadow, Town of Lockport, and the rest of the Parish. The towns should each receive \$36,000.00, with the rest going to the Parish.

Town Citizen Brian Eymard stated that the traffic is moving much better at the Galliano Bridge with the new flashing lights.

Zachary Gisclair stated he was running for Port Commission Seat F and he would help out the town and citizens any way he can.

Town Citizen Patricia Louviere thanked the Council for trying to get speed bumps, but the cars are still passing too fast down the street.

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Council Member Latiolais advised that we are planning the 4th Annual Trunk or Treat on 10/11/2024 and will be taking donations or any other help.

Chief Dufrene advised that at the last meeting, it was stated that Lucas Bourgeois owned BC 1064, but that this agenda has a different name. SCPDC Watkins stated that they have to go by what is on the Assessor's website.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Brian Eymard stated he was running for Town Council.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:13 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK