

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 19, 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 19, 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, and Kip Plaisance

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Willis Toups

Others attending were: Joni Alario, Bryce Autin, Natalie Autin, Yvonne Billiot, Stephanie Bollinger, Frank Boura, Kyle Breaux, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, Connie Demere, Brian Eymard, Nancy Filinich, Darryl Gisclair, Joanne Griffin, Michelle Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, James Lockhart, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Ricky Messer, Stella Mobley, Keith Morvant, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Andrew Rowe Jr., Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

Jody Cheramie led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 8/5/2024, 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:

A motion to approve the Occupational License for Ba-Boo's Bar at 2606 N Alex Plaisance Blvd--Frank Boura, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: Latiolais; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the project and punch list are almost complete. He stated that there is a leak between the 2 main tanks, so they are trying to track down what is wrong with it.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-The construction has begun.
- 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)-Waiting on Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau to wrap up the servitudes.

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- 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 pumps needed.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; Town Engineer Plaisance provided some plans to Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez, Jr. who thinks they look ok and he will need to provide what pump they will be using to Salvador.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for fiscal year 24-25 were submitted on 10/31/2024 for projects (Durette-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 and C&A Treatment Services; also working with Gainey's Concrete to get a concrete chamber quote.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle Permits-Town Attorney Autin spoke with State Representative Joseph Orgeron, who put him into contact with a Legislator Attorney. They went through the statutes which did not include LA1, so if the Town wants to move forward, they will need to pass a bill. A motion to have the Town Attorneys work on a bill to allow riding on the shoulder of LA1 in golf carts, side by sides, and ATV 4 wheelers, and have Representative Orgeron sponsor it, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- Letter of Intent to purchase a new police vehicle for Budget Year 2025-Town Attorney Autin advised that feedback was received from the dealership on 8/15/2024 on what will need to be included in the letter, so he will be drafting it.

Chief Troy Dufrene had no Police Business to present.

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; awaiting update from FEMA on next step. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that she received a call advising that we should meet the 50% rule request soon, so we will be in a position to move forward.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (for possible alternate project)-awaiting update from FEMA on next step. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that we are getting closer to pinning down an actual number, so the Town and Citizens will be able to decide what to do at the Park.

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. He advised that this is for a handicap parking lot by the skate park.

Mayor Bouziga advised that he is working on getting the owners of 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane to clean up their debris.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the additional street light at 2606 S Alex Plaisance Blvd was reported to Entergy.

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 and demolition work began. Mayor Bouziga and The Council spoke with Farrell Trahan from DTB General Contractors about not disposing of the demolition materials properly. In the new bid packets, the Contractors are to dispose of all debris at a dumpster and include the dumpster ticket with their invoice. The discussion got very heated. A motion to give DTB General Contractors until 9/3/2024 to properly dispose of the debris materials that were improperly disposed of, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo/Lafourche Parish Government-Condemnation Order issued. On 7/15/2024, the Council requested to go out for bids due on 8/19/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there hasn't been any changes since the last inspection so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Bids received:
 - Marine Aluminum Products-no bidder
 - BM Construction-\$8,200.00
 - DDR, LLC-\$6,000.00A motion to accept the demolition bid from DDR, LLC for \$6,000.00, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection and they recommend allowing them to continue the renovation-once they get their permit. Ms. Berthelot called Council Member Billiot before the meeting and let him know she is still waiting on the permit to be able to move forward. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 9/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

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- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the renovation. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 9/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 9/3/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the demolition. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 9/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; 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 Plaisance advised Mr. Eymard that his neighbors are awaiting the demolition to be able to build something on their property.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Demolition is complete, but debris remains on the property. On 7/15/2024, the Council requested a letter to be sent to remove the debris from property. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there is still debris on the property. A motion to give the homeowners 10 days from when they received the letter to remove the debris, and then going out for debris removal bids if not removed, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- 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. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that some progress has been made since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the progress. A motion to give them 14 days, and have them appear at the 9/3/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the demolition. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 9/16/2024 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-On 7/15/2024, the demolition bid was awarded to BM Construction and demolition has begun.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that some vegetation has been trimmed away from the structure, but nothing has been done to the structure, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Kyle Breaux is here to speak for the estate and he advised they have someone to work on the house and are waiting for him to be able to start. Ad Hoc Attorney Christopher Huddleston is present via Zoom for the Condemnation Hearing. He has

sent certified notices to Chad and Kyle Breaux. He believes the succession and donation were done incorrectly and his opinion is that the Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr. is still the owner of the property. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order to demolish or repair the property, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Mary Brown Phares, Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares all have a 10% interest. Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing is today. Ad Hoc Attorney Huddleston is present via Zoom for the Condemnation Hearing. He has spoken to Mary Brown Phares, Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares and they didn't know they still had an interest in the property and would not be able to pay to maintain the property if they were forced to. He was able to get proper service via certified mail on Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares. He spoke to Mary Brown Phares, who now lives in Missouri. She hasn't received the certified notice yet. A motion to issue a 10 day Condemnation Order to demolish or repair the property to Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Orgeron, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that there hasn't been any changes since the last inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Homeowner Brandy Alonzo is present. Town Attorney Autin advised Ms. Alonzo that we need to give her a 10 day notice for the hearing and the letter she received was less than 10 days ago, so we can have the hearing tonight or postpone it. Ms. Alonzo would like to go ahead and have the hearing. She is planning to repair her house with the help of Restore Louisiana. A motion to issue a 14 day Condemnation Order to repair the 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups. The Town will prepare a letter for her to give to Restore Louisiana to let them know the property is being condemned.
- BC 1064-136 Dursette Street-Estate of Nolta Joseph Terrebonne, Estate of Robert John Terrebonne and Estate of Karen Terrebonne Callais-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 9/16/2024.
- BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane-Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux and Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr.-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 9/16/2024.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Estate of Athanas Borne and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 9/16/2024.
- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 9/16/2024.
- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condemnation Hearing scheduled for 9/3/2024.

New Business

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Our Lady of Prompt Succor for the use of the parking lot during Hurricane Season, as presented, was made by Council

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

A motion to authorize declaring and dedicating the meter station as surplus junk and no longer needed for public purpose and disposing of it, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Toups.

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

Council Member Cheramie advised that trash is being picked up.

James Lockhart asked when the baseball fields were being completed because they want to start a winter baseball league. Mayor Bouziga let him know the Parish is taking care of it and he believes it is supposed to be done by the end of October.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:17 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**