

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 3, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 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, Laci Latiolais, Kip Plaisance, and Willis Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Joni Alario, Brandy Alonzo, Natalie Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Lucas Bourgeois, Chad Callais, Marc Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, Sybil Daigrepoint, Connie Demere, Brian Eymard, Nancy Filinich, Darryl Gisclair, Barbara Gonzalez, Jeray Jarreau, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Keith Morvant, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Alexis Schwertz, Valerie Sepulvado, Harriet Sigrist, and Tom Watkins.

Willis Toups 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 8/19/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to move BC 1068 from Condemnation Proceedings to before the Mayor's Report on the agenda, for this meeting only, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-SCPDC's Tom Watkins advised that BC 1068 is up for a Condemnation Hearing today. Sybil Daigrepoint is present. SCPDC's Building Inspector Keith Morvant advised that there hasn't been any changes since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ms. Daigrepoint's daughter Valerie Sepulvado addressed the Council and advised that they want to save half of the house to make a camp to visit. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits: Chairman McNeely Rome of the Planning and Zoning Commission Committee advised that they recommend approving the redivision of lots for Phil Guilbeau, which is located on the northern side of Ridgewood Boulevard, between Lexie Avenue and Alex Plaisance Boulevard. A motion to take the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised that the Council approved the Substantial Completion at the 8/5/2024 meeting. The Contractor has completed the punch list, but they are still trying to find the minor leak to fix.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-The construction has begun estimated to be finished by the end 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)-1 bid received and awaiting GOHSEP approval to proceed.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheremie)-Almost finished requesting servitude signatures.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Waiting on pumps to come in to start.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; Town Engineer Plaisance needs to explain the pump situation to Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez, Jr. and Council Member Billiot.
- 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 for 2024. We will be resubmitting these 9 projects plus will be adding more projects to submit on 11/1/2024 for 2025's requests.
- Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced-awaiting quotes from STAT, C&A Treatment Services, and Gainey's Concrete.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle Permits-Town Attorney Jarreau advised Town Attorney Autin is still working with Representative Joseph Orgeron to come up with a draft. Council Member Latiolais advised that we are working on this exception because Louisiana Law does not allow us to ride on the shoulder of LA1, and Louisiana Law trumps Municipal Law.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Town Attorney Jarreau advised that the last time vacancies were advertised for a Police Officer position, there were 2 vacancies posted, but only 1 position was filled by Mr. Verde. She and Town Attorney Autin have the opinion that since only 1 position was filled, that Chief Dufrene can hire someone from the applications received at that time. They will need to fill Mr. Verde's position, so the Council will need to approve advertising for the hiring of a Police Officer. A motion to advertise hiring for a Police Officer, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheremie.

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. Lafourche Parish Council Member Daniel Lorraine advised that it was said at a meeting that no roads will be repaired until 2025.

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 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane is clean. A motion to remove 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the additional street light at 2606 S Alex Plaisance Blvd was installed. A motion to remove additional street light at 2606 S Alex Plaisance Blvd from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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-Demolition is underway. Town Attorney Jarreau requested an update for the 9/16/2024 meeting.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Lafourche Parish Government-Condemnation Order issued. Demolition bid was awarded to DDR, LLC for \$6,000.00. Mayor Bouziga advised that the Parish is supposed to start demolition of the property on 9/15/2024.

- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 9/16/2024.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 9/16/2024.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)- Proper service has been made and Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for today. There is no representatives present for the Condemnation Hearing. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that materials and a manlift are on site and people were actively working on the front of the structure during inspection. A renovation permit and Engineering documents need to be obtained and inspections need to be scheduled to make sure the renovations are code compliant. If the progress stops, they recommend issuing a Condemnation Order. Mr. Watkins advised that an email was received from Picciola Construction about starting construction. A motion to issue a 13 day Condemnation Order, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 9/16/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Demolition is complete, but debris remains on site. 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. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the certified letter was received on 8/24/2024. A motion to go out for bids to remove the debris, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- 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. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that some progress has been made to repairing the exterior walls since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue the progress. A motion to sign the BM Construction contract and send the letter of notice of demolition, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock- Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 9/16/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier- SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that demolition is complete and all debris is removed. A motion to move BC 1051 to the Attorney's report, so Attorney Jarreau can send a Notice to be heard to show cause on why they wouldn't be responsible for demolition costs, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Estate of Christopher Breaux Jr.-Because there was an issue with the ownership per the Ad Hoc Attorney, a new Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 10/7/2024.

- BC 1054-120-B Malgum Lane-Mary Brown Phares, Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares all have a 10% interest. Condemnation Hearing was 8/19/2024 with the Order issued for 9/3/2024. Another Condemnation Hearing is scheduled for 9/16/2024 for the owners who didn't get proper service.
- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Ad Hoc Attorney appointed and Condemnation Hearing is today. Homeowner Brandy Alonzo is present and provided an email from Restore LA stating a preconstruction walk through will be held Mid-September. Council Member Latiolais asked Ms. Alonzo to keep the grass cut and secure the structure. A motion to go out for demolition bids to move forward in the process, in case things don't go as planned, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- 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.

New Business

A motion to postpone Councilman Cheramie discussing speed humps on Washington and Dursette Street until the 9/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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

Council Member Toups wanted to recognize Devin Dedon and Bobby Wescovich who swam across the bayou from LA1 to Highway 308 to rescue citizens trapped in a vehicle in the bayou. A motion to recognize them at the 9/16/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Council Member Latiolais received a call about wanting to use the Soccer Field at the park for a Soccer League that would be starting in Golden Meadow probably next year.

A motion to add the abandoned Dollar General 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: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Council Member Latiolais wants to have the abandoned Dollar General store inspected to see if it needs to be condemned. A motion to have the abandoned Dollar General inspected for condemnation, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Council Member Plaisance asked if Entergy could be contacted or come to a meeting because when the wind blows down his street, you can see sparks. Mayor Bouziga asked Council Member Plaisance to give the information to Town Clerk Cloutier and let him know that we can also request a representative come to a meeting. Council Member Toups advised that some of the trees need to be trimmed so the lights can be seen. Mayor Bouziga advised that the Council gets a list together to present to Entergy.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Marc Cheramie stated here needed help with drainage across the street. Mayor Bouziga advised that he will get Town Engineer Plaisance to look into it so we can figure out who is responsible.

Connie Demere had a grass complaint.

Paul Curole asked about the catch basin between LA1 and St. Louis Street.

Chad Callais stated he was running for Port Commission Seat F and asked for the Town's support.

Alexis Schwertz asked about the drainage around her business Faire Le Fete because it floods when it rains.

Barbara Gonzalez returned 2 campaign signs that were put on her property illegally.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**