

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 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, September 16, 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 Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE

Others attending were: Joni Alario, Bryce Autin, Corine Berthelot, Stephanie Bollinger, Frank Boura, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Angela Curole, Paul Curole, , Nancy Filinich, Darryl Gisclair, Ricky Griffin, Michelle Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, Keith Morvant, Tom Pitre III, Rachel Robichaux, Edward Verdin, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

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

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 9/3/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

A motion to re-appoint Morris Guidry as Town of Golden Meadow's Fire Protection District #3 Board's Nominee, since his term is expiring on 9/26/2024, 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.

A motion to dedicate the Skate Park to former Council Member Priscilla Mounic, 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: A motion approve the Occupational License for Grom's Kitchen-Mary Plaisance at 402 South Bayou Drive, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: NONE.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Town Engineer Plaisance advised they are still looking for the minor leak and he and Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez Jr. will continue looking for it this week.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-The construction has begun and estimated to be finished by the end of 2024. A motion to approve Change Order #1 to require timber piles to be placed in the manholes at an additional cost of \$7,400.00, bringing total project costs to \$792,917.45, with concurrence of the state funding, 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.
- 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 received GOHSEP approval. A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into an Engineering Agreement with GIS Engineering, 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.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Almost finished requesting servitude signatures.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into Amendment #1 with GIS Engineering for additional part time inspection services for this project, 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 Plaisance will be providing an update of when the Notice to Proceed will be issued.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Awaiting alternate plans and drawings from GIS Engineering.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for fiscal year 24-25 will be submitted in October 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 Service; plus, they will be adding more projects.
- The Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced-awaiting quotes from STAT, C&A Treatment Services, and Gainey's Concrete-Received a quote from Gainey's Concrete, so they are having them work on a formal proposal.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- Off Road Vehicle LA1 Legislation-Town Attorney Autin advised that they are still working on this.
- Town Attorney Autin advised that both BC 1044 and BC 1051's Notice to be Heard will be postponed to the 10/7/2024 meeting.

- Town Attorney Autin advised that there is no need for an Executive session-the former/current town employees that owe money to the town are working with Town Attorney Jarreau to pay it back.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- August 2024 Stats:
 - 1432 Calls for Service
 - 557 Violations
 - 448 Cases
 - 7 Arrests
- A motion to remove the Council to approve the hiring of a new officer from 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.
- Status of Police Vehicle to be Sold at Auction-Chief Dufrene advised that Expert Technology removed the equipment from the police vehicle, but the stickers still need to be removed. A motion to declare the police vehicle as surplus and no longer needed for a public purpose, and sell it at auction, 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 Night Out Against Crime to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Chief Dufrene advised that Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, 10/8/2024 at 6:00 PM and they will use the Park Pavilion.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of September 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.
- 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 that the Parish will request bids the 4th quarter of 2024 to repair the asphalt on Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street. Parish President Archie Chiasson advised Mayor Bouziga that this will be repaired before the end of the year.

Mayor Bouziga advised that the LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023 and the results were expected July/August 2024.

Speed Humps on Washington Street, Dursette Street, and Cheramie Lane-Council Member Cheramie had a discussion with the other Council Members and the Mayor about speed humps down these streets. He explained that although the streets didn't meet the parish criteria that the citizens still want speed humps. Mayor Bouziga asked Council Member Cheramie to come up with some town criteria to present to the Council.

Devin Dedon and Bobby Wescovich will be recognized at a later meeting.

SCPDC Structural Analysis Inspection on damaged Dollar General building at 400 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-SCPDC Building Inspector Keith Morvant advised that he inspected the building on 9/9/2024, before Hurricane Francine. He advised that the building is condemnable but can be salvaged if they do an immediate renovation. A motion to send the owner a letter, 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.

Mayor Bouziga advised that Entergy has been contacted about trimming trees around the light poles.

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-SCPDC Building Inspector Morvant advised that demolition is still underway. A motion to request an update at the 10/7/2024 Meeting, 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.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Lafourche Parish Government-Condemnation Order issued. Demolition bid was awarded to DDR, LLC for \$6,000.00. Town Clerk Cloutier advised that the Parish did send over their signed demolition contract. A motion to give the Parish 2 more weeks to demolish the property and to put in writing that our demolition company will demolish it if they don't take care of it, 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 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ms. Berthelot is present and let the Council know she is still waiting on the renovation permit. Mayor Bouziga

asked for a written update on the renovation permit to present to the Council. A motion to give her 30 days to continue the renovation, after she receives the permit, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; 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 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued for. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the renovation work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 10/21/2024 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, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no significant changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 10/21/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; 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.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 10/21/2024 meeting, 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, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that all debris has been moved off of the site. A motion to remove BC 1041 from the agenda, 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.
- 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 and demolition is to begin no earlier than 9/23/2024.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that the demolition work is continuing since the last inspection so they recommend allowing them to continue. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 10/21/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Chermaie; 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 1053-142 Louviere Lane-Kyle Breaux and Chad Breaux-On 8/9/2024, act of correction completed and 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, Edward Verdin. Condemnation Order issued to Betty Phares Orgeron and Jack Phares. Condemnation Hearing is today for Mary Brown Phares and Edward Verdin.

Edward Verdin is present and Ad Hoc Attorney Chris Huddleston is representing Mary Brown Phares via Zoom. Mr. Verdin wants to use the structure as a shed. Mr. Huddleston has spoken to Ms. Phares on the phone and she wants no part of the structure. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order against Mr. Verdin and Ms. Phares, 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.

- BC 1063-1009 North Bayou Drive-Brandy Alonzo-Condemnation Order issued and Council requested to go out for demolition bids due on 10/7/2024.
- BC 1064-136 Dursette Street-Charles Anthony Terrebonne, Lucas Bourgeois, Donna Terrebonne Bourg, Lorraine Lucille Dufrene Terrebonne, Estate of Nolta Joseph Terrebonne, Estate of Robert John Terrebonne, and Estate of Karen Terrebonne Callais-Condemnation Hearing is today and Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux III is present via Zoom and he has not made contact with anyone. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order for Donna Terrebonne Bourg, Lorraine Lucille Dufrene Terrebonne, Estate of Nolta Joseph Terrebonne, Estate of Robert John Terrebonne, and Estate of Karen Terrebonne Callais, since they had proper service, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; 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.
- BC 1065-138 Pelican Lane-Alice Bruce Boudreaux, Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux and Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr.-Condemnation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III is present via Zoom and he has not made contact with anyone. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order to the Estate of Victor Boudreaux, Estate of Julia Borne Boudreaux and Estate of Victor Gabriel Boudreaux, Jr., 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.
- BC 1066-130 Pelican Lane-Guldan LLC, Dylan Touchstone (Agent for Service of Process), Estate of Athanas Borne, and Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne-Condemnation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III is present via Zoom and he has not made contact with anyone. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order to the Estate of Athanas Borne and the Estate of Earline Marie Cheramie Borne, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; 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.
- BC 1067-234 Rue Pouche Vide-Euell Turnage, Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve-Condemnation Hearing is today. SCPDC's Building Inspector Morvant advised that no changes have been made since the previous inspection and they recommend moving forward

with the condemnation. Ad Hoc Attorney Gouaux III is present via Zoom and he has not made contact with anyone. A motion to issue a 30 day Condemnation Order to the Estate of Hilda Alario Turnage and Juanita Turnage Gogreve, 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.

- BC 1068-112 Marshland Street-Sybil Aupied Daigrepoint-Condemnation Order issued with the next update due 10/7/2024.

New Business

A motion to approve the August 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.

A motion to accept the park lights and poles donations from the Recreation District that were put up before Hurricane Ida, 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 Street Sweeper Repair to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga advised that we received an estimate from Covington Sales and Service to repair the Street Sweeper for around \$9,000.00. A motion to approve the repairs, 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.

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

A motion to add trash to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; 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 Cheramie advised that since we just had Hurricane Francine, that the trash truck will be picking up debris.

A motion to add South Henry Street to the agenda, 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.

Council Member Cheramie advised that South Henry Street is collapsing. Mayor Bouziga stated he would have the Town Foreman go take pictures to send to the Parish. A motion to email the Parish about South Henry Street, 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.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine thanked the Council and Mayor Bouziga for naming the skate park after former Council Member Priscilla Mounic.

Ricky Griffin advised the Mayor that he worked with the Field Crew for the Hurricane and they are so dedicated to the Town and it was unbelievable how well they worked. He also stated that the Office Personnel does a great job.

A motion to add the Unity Fiber Servitude Agreement to the agenda, 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 allow the Mayor to enter into the Fiber Servitude Agreement with Unity to run fiber along Third Street, Norman Street, Pierce Street, and Wilfred Duet Street to service the new tower on Chad Street, 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.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:03 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**