

March 4, 2013

Town of Golden Meadow  
107 Jervis Drive  
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga  
Councilman David Adams  
Councilman Jody Cheramie  
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine  
Councilman Priscilla Mounic  
Councilman Willis Toups

Others attending were Bryce Autin, John Bellanger, Frank Boura, Billy Brunet, Ashton Cheramie, Phillip Duet, Troy Dufrene, Larry Griffin, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Lloyd Ledet, Robert Lee, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, and John Plaisance.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the minutes from the Council meeting held on Monday, February 18, 2013. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Chief Reggie Pitre was absent due to a mandatory Chief of Police training.

Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the purchase of picnic tables for Oakridge Park and requesting reimbursement from Lafourche Parish Recreation District No. 3. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams addressed the Council with a concern from citizens in which Councilmen for the Town are elected. Councilman David Adams stated the people he discussed the matter with would like to see the citizens vote to decide whether Councilmen are elected by seat or at large. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council it is their responsibility to pass a resolution and have it approved by the state in order to make the change. Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he agrees with Councilman Adams, it is whatever the citizens want. Councilman Lindberg Lorraine stated the citizens he spoke to would like the election to remain at large. Councilman Willis Toups asked when would the election requirements need to be changed and if the legislature would have to approve the changes. Mr. Billy Brunet addressed the Council and stated his only concern is when a person votes for Council they should have to cast five votes or their vote would be spoiled. Mr. Larry Griffin agreed with Mr. Billy Brunet. Mr. Troy Dufrene stated he feels if you do not vote for five Councilmen your vote should be spoiled. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Town did run by seats years ago and there were problems so Councilmen reversed the positions to be elected at large. Attorney Bryce Autin will research the matter and report at a later date.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council no zoning variance was needed for property owned by Mr. Frank Boura.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called upon Chairman of the Board of Adjustments Lloyd Ledet to discuss a building permit submitted for Mr. Frank Boura requiring a rear yard variance from 20' to 10'. Chairman Lloyd Ledet stated the Board of Adjustments met at 6:30 P.M. and unanimously approved Mr. Frank Boura's permit application for a single wide mobile home with the rear yard variance from 20' to 10'. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the recommendation of the Board of Adjustments. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving an Occupational License for A & S Welders, LLC owner Russell Adams. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Louis Adam Griffin – 143 Griffin Lane has been secured but has had no repairs.
- Lloyd Ledet - 120 Meadow Lane is in the process of receiving a letter from Attorney Bryce Autin.
- Lloyd Ledet - 133 Meadow Lane is in the process of receiving a letter from Attorney Bryce Autin.
- Steve and Nancy Cheramie - 128 Meadow Lane is in the process of receiving a letter from Attorney Bryce Autin.

Mayor Joey Bouziga and Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase III continues to progress.
- Sewer Phase IV remains in the planning stages.
- Seawall Phase II is awaiting FEMA's approval for additional funding.
- Seawall Phase III remains in the planning stages.
- Seawall Phase I repairs continues in the planning stages.
- Oakridge Park Waterlines Phase I and Phase II have been completed and will be closed out once the contractor provides the invoice.
- Frank's Supermarket Crossover is waiting on a response from the Bonding Commissioner.
- Town Hall Fueling System plans should be completed by the first meeting in April.
- Basketball Pavilion is being resubmitted to the Lafourche Parish Council for additional funding.
- Town Hall Maintenance Building and additional Parking is preparing to advertise for engineers.
- Street Resurfacing Project is awaiting the Parish President to approve the contractor.

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Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Resolution No. 1543 in support of renewing the Veteran's Tax. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving the adoption of Ordinance 467 approving the Lafourche Parish Water District No. 1 collect sewer bills for the Town of Golden Meadow at the increased rates of \$15.00 flat fee for metered citizens up to 2000 gallons then \$3.00 per one thousand gallons after and \$20.00 for un-metered citizens. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. A Public Hearing was held to discuss the collection and increase prior to this meeting.

Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving a Public Hearing be scheduled prior to the next meeting to consider adopting Ordinance 468 proposing to sell the Old Town Hall, 313 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA for a minimum sale price of \$123,000.00. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga advances public comment before entering into executive session. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested public comments.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the renewal of the Veteran's Tax and also addressed additional funding for the construction of the basketball pavilion.

Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the Mayor and Council enter into executive session at 7:42 P.M. to discuss a legal matters regarding Mr. Darrin Charpentier.

Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the Mayor and Council return to regular session at 7:53 P.M. and approving Resolution No. 1544 providing payment in the amount of \$36,000.00 to Risk Management Agency as the Town's share of settlement expenses for the lawsuit between Mr. Darrin Charpentier and the Town of Golden Meadow as recommended by Risk Management Agency. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested adding meeting change to the agenda. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments. No audience comments were presented. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Councilman Jody Cheramie add to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the Council meeting scheduled on March 18, 2013 be re-scheduled on March 25, 2013. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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With no further business to discuss, Councilman Jody Cherie presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving this meeting adjourns at 7:54 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK**