

January 3, 2018

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 re-scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Ashton Cheramie
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine
Councilman Willis Touts

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Frank Boura, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., William Lerille, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, and John Plaisance.

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested everyone refrain from cellphone use until the meeting adjourns.

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

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touts seconded approving the minutes from the Public Hearing and Council meeting held on December 11, 2017. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council no Building Permits or Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- Libby Griffin – 127 Meadow Lane was sent a clean-up letter on December 6, 2017. The deadline to cut and clean the property has expired. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving quotes be acquired to have the property cut and cleaned. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Ronald Malone – 123 Anatole Lane was sent a clean-up letter on December 6, 2017. The certified card or the letter has not been returned. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving the property be advertised stating the property owner has 5 days to cut and clean the property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Thomassie Property – located between South Bayou Drive and Rue Pouche Vide has been cut and cleaned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- Chris Griffin – 114 Palmetto Lane came to Town Hall and reported he did continue to work to demolish the area of his house that is dangerous but needs additional time. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Mr. Griffin an extension until February 5, 2018 and also schedule a commendation hearing on February 5, 2018.

- Attorney Bryce Autin will send Mr. Griffin notification. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – The contractor time has begun, but construction has not. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated a meeting took place in the field regarding Oak trees located on Ridgewood Blvd. Engineer Plaisance stated the contractor is working to resolve the problem with the Oak trees by using different boring equipment. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested no work take place until the project changes are approved by the Council.
- Sewer Phase V – Engineer John Plaisance explained a change order will be needed for the use of a different boring system which will cost approximately \$30,000.00 in additional funds, but due to the decrease of other items the project is predicted to end with a (16,630.00) credit. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Engineer John Plaisance if he is sure the project will end with this credit. Engineer John Plaisance stated he is almost positive this project will end below contract price. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Chermie seconded approving Change Order No. 1 for Sewer Phase V. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Sewer Phase VI is seeking matching funds.
- Seawall Phase III is waiting on the FEMA to approve the use of additional funds to extend the project.
- 2014/15 Community Enrichment Fund Grant – This project is just about substantially complete.
- 2015/16 Community Water Enrichment Grant has been submitted for funding the installation of a new waterline on Doucet Drive. No approval has been received as of this time.
- 2017/18 LGAP Grant – This application was submitted to purchase two sewer generators. No approval has been received as of this time.
- Town Hall Turn Around is almost complete.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant. Notification was received from the State of Louisiana that this project has been funded for planning.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Al & Tammy Kibodaux – 114 Meadow Lane dangerous building. Both Mr. Al Kibodaux and Ms. Tammy Kibodaux appeared in Court on December 19, 2017 for not cutting the grass at 114 Meadow Lane. Mr. Al Kibodaux plead guilty to not cutting the grass at 114 Meadow Lane. Mr. Al Kibodaux stated he would begin keeping up the grass at 114 Meadow Lane. Ms. Tammy Kibodaux plead not guilty and will appear for a trial on January 23, 2018. A brief discussion took place regarding the dangerous building part of the property.
- Mark Wainwright & Associates, LLC – The State of Louisiana Mineral Board has approved the lease of Town property. The Town was paid a check in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the three year lease.
- Information is being gathered to draft the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Public Boat Launch.

Chief Pitre informed the Mayor and Council a letter was sent to Officer Kevin Landry for a possible executive session to discuss personal matters. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked Officer Kevin Landry if he wished to enter into executive session to discuss personal matters or if he wished to remain in regular session. Officer Kevin Landry requested entering into executive session.

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Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving entering into executive session at 7:58 P.M. to discuss personnel matter related to Officer Kevin Landry. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the return to regular session at 7:58 P.M. where a discussion took place, but no actions were taken. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre requested adding Police Department stats to the agenda. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to adding the aforesaid. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Chief Reggie Pitre add Police Department stats to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the December 2017 stats and the year ending stats for the Police Department.

Chief Reggie Pitre state he has been reviewing the videos of the Skate Park vandalism three days beyond where the Town Clerk reviewed and has been unable to determine who did the vandalizing. The investigation will continue.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a parade permit for Krewe Des Petite Lions to parade through Golden Meadow on January 28, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute an agreement with State Bank & Trust to begin direct depositing Town payroll. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked Chief Reggie why Oakridge Park was closed at 9:00 P.M. on New Year's Eve due to there being an ordinance allowing fireworks to be discharged until 1:00 A.M. Chief Reggie Pitre stated he would check the calls for service on New Year's Eve to see when Oakridge Park was closed.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 8:04 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO THE MAYOR**