

June 4, 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 scheduled meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

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

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Buffy Boura, Frank Boura, Doug Cheramie, Farrell Collins, Kathy Collins, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Lucas Gonzalez, Pastor Morris Hunter, Jamie Liner, Rev. Martin Lomordo, Daniel Lorraine, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, McNeely Rome, and Kyle Williams,

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Councilman Willis Touts led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Morris Hunter led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais second approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on May 21, 2018. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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

- Gloria Bouzigard – 112 Delgrandile Lane was cleaned. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Gloria Bouzigard be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Lafourche Parish/ Richard Greene – 2607 South Bayou Drive – the cost to have a condemnation hearing would be very expensive since the property owner cannot be located. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this item be removed from the agenda until more action can be taken. The council unanimously approved the motion a presented.
- Ronald & Donna Shambach – Delgrandile Lane was hand delivered a letter to secure the dangerous building located on their property.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Waiting on the official Board of Ethic ruling regarding sewer connections for public employee family members. The contractor continues to request additional funds to start the project due to the location of natural gas lines, but he will have to provide an explanation for the request.

- Sewer Phase V - Waiting on the official Board of Ethic ruling regarding sewer connections for public employee family members. This project is almost complete except for powering the sewer lift station and sewer connections.
- Sewer Phase VI – Continue to seek additional fund to match the EDA Grant. Mayor Joey Bouziga and I met with the EDA and South Central Planning and Development to discuss funding possibilities.
- South Sewer Treatment Plant Repairs – Pictures were presented to show the repairs approved in Change Order No. 1 and additional repairs needed. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding South Sewer Plant Repairs Change Order No. 2 to the agenda. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving South Sewer Treatment Plant Repairs Change Order No. 2 be added to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving South Sewer Treatment Plant Repairs Change Order No. 2 increasing the project cost by \$4,085.00 for a total project expense of \$58,208.24 not including the cost to pump out the tanks. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. A brief discussion took place regarding the difference between iron sewer tanks and cement sewer tanks.
- Seawall Phase III – Waiting on FEMA to approve the request to amend the project by adding additional linear feet.
- 2014/2015 Community Water Enrichment Grant – Construction is complete and the final bills are being processed. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving 2014/15 Community Water Enrichment Grant be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- 2015/2016 Community Water Enrichment Grant – Doucet Street Waterline will be moving forward with the advertisement for construction bids.
- 2017/2018 LGAP – Submitted an application for fund the purchase of two new sewer generators.
- Upgrades to the North Sewer Treatment Plant – Plans and specs are almost complete then will be sent to the State for approval.
- Town Hall Turning Lane – Discussion took place with the State regarding the remaining funds being used to mark the lines on the turn around. We will be contacted with the final decision.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows

- Seawall money from the LPG – Attorney Autin stated there was no update. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving this item be removed from the agenda until an update can be presented. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Ashton Cheramie, Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups. Nays: Councilman Laci Latiolais

Chief Reggie Pitre stated the police stats will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called for recreational vehicle updates. Mr. Vernon Ledoux, Jr. addressed the Council regarding the letter he received regarding the recreational vehicle on his property. Mr. Ledoux stated the recreational vehicle is not being used as a permanent dwelling and is moved every 180 days. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Mr. Vernon Ledoux, Jr. be granted 6 month extension. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council there were questions presented at the last meeting regarding the election on December 8, 2018 to renew the Streets & Public Improvement 5.00 Mills. The 5.00 mills generates an income of \$47,000.00 and the expenses for the Street Department is budgeted \$247,474.00 in expenses. The 5.00 Mills provides \$47,000.00 to the Street Department, the remaining funds are provided by the General Fund.

Councilman Lindberg Lorraine presented a tall grass complaint at the corner of St. Louis Street and Henry Street. Councilman Lindberg Lorraine presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to the property owners.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated Bourgeois Bennett was supposed to present the 2017 Audit Report but was absent.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated the Pump Station repairs are complete except for the mufflers on the south side of the pump. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated quotes are being acquired for the work and will be presented at a later date.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council we have been having problems with the fuel in our gas tank located behind the Town Hall. Town vehicles continue to have issues with the fuel pumps. Test were conducted by a third party and discovered a wax substance in the fuel. Mayor Joey Bouziga presented a quote in the amount of \$2,081.00 from Clean Fuel Associates to clean the gasoline tank. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Clean Fuel Associates clean the gasoline tank at a cost of \$2,081.00. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a Parade Permit for the Krewe of Nereids to parade through Golden Meadow on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the April finance report. The Town Clerk informed the Mayor and Council Department II is over budget due to insurance other. Insurances are paid at the beginning of the year and will balance out at the end of the budget year. Department III Police is over budget due to insurance, office, and vehicle expenses. Insurance are paid at the beginning of the year and will balance out at the end of the budget year, office expense and vehicle expenses are unpredictable due to excessive breakdowns. The vehicle expense should go down once the problem with the gasoline tank is resolved. Sales Tax collections are down, but should catch up a little during the summer and year end months. Natural Gas is over budget due to the South Coast Gas sale not being completed until the end of March. Funds remaining in the Natural Gas account were transferred to the General Fund. Sewer collections are below budget, we are hoping they increase as new customers are added to the system. Insurance and salaries are over budget, but will balance out during the year. Sewer maintenance is unpredictable, but with additional maintenance expenses should decrease. The Council will vote to approve the finance report at the next meeting.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding Sewer Phase V Change Order No. 2 to the agenda. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add Sewer Phase V Change Order No. 2 to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Sewer Phase V Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$997.00 to adjust a manhole. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Engineer John Plaisance

stated he would reimburse the Town the cost of the manhole due to this being an engineering error.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority to assist in funding the Sewer Phase IV Project. No audience comments or questions were presented in objection to adding to the agenda. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving adding a resolution authorizing to the agenda for the submission of a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority to assist in funding the Sewer Phase IV Project. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Delta Regional Authority to assist in funding the Sewer Phase IV Project. The Council unanimously approved the motion a presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Councilman Willis Toups informed the Mayor and Council Mr. Luke Cheramie was very ill.

Councilman Jody Cheramie stated he received several complaints regarding burnt lights and he wanted the Chief and Mayor to be aware of the complaints. Chief Pitre stated if Councilman Jody Cheramie turns in one of the complaints, the video of the traffic stops can be reviewed. Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine stated he was stopped because of a burnt light and when he went home the light was working. Chief Reggie Pitre stated he could review the video of the traffic stop. A lengthy discussion took place.

Mayor Joey Bouziga recognized Mr. Andrew Martin candidate for Port Commission and wished him luck during the upcoming election.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Collins requested the Town purchase new tables for the Senior Center because the tables they have now are starting to crack, they also requested the purchase of tables for outside. Mr. and Mrs. Collins also requested that Mayor Joey Bouziga look into the possibility of installing a vent over the stove so they can cook at the Senior Center. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he would look into having tables donated and he would check into the possibility of a vent over the stove.

Pastor Morris Hunter thanked the Mayor and Council for all the work they do for the Town of Golden Meadow.

Pastor Morris Hunter introduced Rev. Martin Lomordo a new resident to the Town of Golden Meadow. Rev. Martin Lomordo spoke to the Mayor and Council briefly. Mayor Joey Bouziga welcomed Rev. Martin Lomordo to the Town of Golden Meadow.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this meeting adjourn at 8:08 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**JAMIE LINER TOWN CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR**

