

June 25, 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 Monday, June 25, 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 Toups

Others attending were Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Salvador Gonzalez, Sr., Pastor Morris Hunter, Jamie Liner, Rev. Martin Lombardo, Chief Reggie Pitre, John Plaisance, McNeely Rome, Cameron Westbrook, and Kyle Williams.

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

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

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the minutes from the previous meeting held on June 4, 2018. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the building permits as follows:

- Marc Cheramie – Division of property owned by Marc Cheramie being located in Section 12, T9-S, R-21-E. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this application for subdivision of property be turned over to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mayor and Council no Occupational Licenses were submitted for approval.

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

- Tillman Falgout & Others – were sent a tall grass letter for property located on Louviere Lane. The property has not been cut. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the Town have the tall grass cut. The Councilman unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Lafourche Parish/Old ABC Sign Shop – North Bayou Drive was sent a tall grass letter. The property was not cut. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga contact the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office to cut the grass. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Ronald Malone – Anatole Lane was sent a tall grass letter. The property was not cut. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving three quotes be acquired to cut the property. The Councilman unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais stated she thought when

we amended the tall grass ordinance we added language for re-peat offenders of the tall grass ordinance. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a Public Hearing be scheduled to amend the tall grass ordinance to include a section for repeat offenders. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

- Lafourche Parish/ K & W Leasing – corner of St. Louis was sent a tall grass letter. The Grass was not cut. Mayor Joey Bouziga will contact the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office.
- Patrick Wayne Hooks – Griffin Lane received a tall grass complaint. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to the property owner. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Ronald & Donna Shambach – Delgrandile Lane was sent a letter to secure the dangerous building located on their property. Mr. Ronald Shambach informed the Mayor and Council the dangerous building located on his property has been secured. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving Ronald & Donna Shambach be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – Engineer John Plaisance informed the Mayor and Council the Louisiana Board of Ethics approved it is legal to provide free sewer hookups for Town employees and immediate family members who qualify for connection. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Ethics opinion be removed from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Engineer John Plaisance stated there are two more issues with Phase IV which are one a change order is needed to include special boring due to the Oak trees on Ridgewood Blvd. and additional compensation the contractor is requesting due to problems with the area in which the utilities are located. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving Change Order No. 1 which will provide a credit to the project of \$634.00 due to less funds needed for free connections provided the State approves the Change Order. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Engineer John Plaisance stated he and Attorney Bryce Autin sent a letter to LA Contracting stating the Town did not feel they should have to pay additional compensation for construction due to the location of other utilities. LA Contractor's submitted a construction bid just as the other construction companies. LA Contractors response was, "I'm extremely disappointed in this response as you can imagine. Denying this request for change will cause us to move it to a claim. The change of conditions is clear, we cannot build the job as we bid. We will start the necessary paperwork and forward this to you as soon as possible. I'm reviewing the claim section of your specs to determine if we will be able to remobilize and when.
- Sewer Phase IV DRA Grant – The Town is in the process of submitting a grant to the Delta Regional Authority in the amount of \$150,000.00 to pay a portion of Sewer Phase IV.
- Sewer Phase V - Engineer John Plaisance informed the Mayor and Council the Louisiana Board of Ethics approved it is legal to provide free sewer hookups for Town employees and immediate family members who qualify for connection. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving Ethics opinion be removed from the agenda. Engineer John Plaisance stated Sewer Phase V is substantially complete. There is a punch list of items which will need to be completed one being the

manhole in Mr. Dudley Plaisance's yard. Mayor Joey Bouziga also requested Mr. Ray Mayet visit with Mr. Gerald Plaisance regarding some waterline repairs. Also discussed was the need for a platform near the lift station. Engineer John Plaisance stated he would work on designing some kind of platform.

- Sewer Phase VI (EDA Sewer Grant) – seeking additional funding.
- South Sewer Treatment Plant Repairs – The contractor is beginning sandblasting.
- Seawall Phase III – We continue to wait for FEMA to approve the amendment to extend the project. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated he feels we need to contact the contractor regarding Crosby Dry Dock. Engineer John Plaisance will contact the contractor and report at the next meeting.
- Seawall Phase IV – DOTD has approved the Town submit a formal grant application for Seawall Project Upgrades.
- 2015/2016 Community Water Enrichment Fund Grant – Doucet Drive - Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the advertisement for construction bids and authorized Mayor Joey Bouziga to execute a contract with J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. for engineer the project. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Engineer John Plaisance stated the Lafourche Parish Water District is currently taking bids to construct new waterlines on Cliff's Lane and a few other streets in Town. Engineer Plaisance also informed the Mayor and Council he discussed with a representative of Lafourche Parish Water District the possibility of additional funds if construction bids are received above the grant amount.
- 2017/2018 LGAP Grant to purchase two sewer lift station generators is waiting on State approval.
- Upgrades to the North Sewerage Treatment Plant – We are beginning to process paperwork with the State.
- Town Hall Turning Lane – We are acquiring quotes to strip the turn around. There are funds remaining in the project.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council Attorney Bryce Autin was absent from the meeting. No legal report to present at this time.

Chief Reggie Pitre presented the May Police Department stats.

Chief Reggie Pitre recommended hiring Cameron Westbrook as a police officer pending required testing. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded accepting Chief Reggie Pitre's recommendation to hire Cameron Westbrook pending the required testing results. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council there were no recreational vehicle updates.

Mayor Joey Bouziga reminded the Council December 8, 2018 there will be an election to renew the Street and Public Improvements 5.00 Mills.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the budget be amended to include \$4658.81 for repairs to the pump station. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council the fuel tank has been cleaned and the tank was refilled.

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Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving April 2018 finance report presented at the last meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mr. Dan Topher from Bourgeois Bennett presented the 2017 Audit report required by both state and federal government. Mr. Topher stated there were no findings or internal control issues. The audit also included the new agreed upon procedures. Mr. Topher stated the Town is financially stable. The Sewer Department is working on a cash flow basis. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the 2017 Audit Report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a resolution in support of the Louisiana Delegation of the United States House of Representatives and Senate introduce and support legislation to impose a \$.10 per pound fee on all seafood imported into the United States to be utilized to improve imported safety. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested Council members receive a printed copy of the police stats. Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if this could be deferred until the Town Attorney was present since these reports included names of people receiving citations. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving police stat reports be deferred until the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie requested changing one of the July meetings. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving the regular meeting scheduled on Monday July 2, 2018 be re-scheduled on Monday, July 9, 2018. Voting was as follows: Yeas: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Lindberg Lorraine, Councilman Willis Toups; Nays: Councilman Ashton Cheramie

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council there have been several complaints regarding individuals playing Pokémon in Oakridge Park. A brief discussion took place. Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the Pokémon creators remove Oakridge Park as a poke stop. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Ashton Cheramie briefly discussed the Solid Waste Tax Lafourche Parish will have on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding three grass complaints to the agenda. The complaints are as follows: Tim Callais Clinic Drug Store, Johnny Lee, and Ashley Adams. No audience comments or questions were presented in opposition. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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Councilman Ashton Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to Tim Callais of Clinic Drug Store. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to Ashley Adams – 505C North Bayou Drive. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to Johnny Lee – 519 North Bayou Drive. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding the Lafourche Council on Aging Agreement to the agenda. No audience comments or questions were presented in opposition. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded approving Mayor Joey Bouziga add the aforesaid to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded authorizing Mayor Joey Bouziga execute an Agreement with the Lafourche Council on Aging. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested any other business or comments from the audience.

Rev. Martin Lombardo told the Mayor and Council he is living at 101 Summers Street and is very happy to be living in Golden Meadow.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded adjourning the meeting at 8:46 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

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