

October 17, 2022

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

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Golden Meadow Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Mike Billiot
Councilman Jody Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were:

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Kevin Belanger, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Cullen Curole, Troy Dufrene, Sybil Ledet, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, and Tom Watkins.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called this 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 Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 3, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council that there were no Building Permits submitted for approval.

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Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project status report as follows:

- North Sewer Plant Upgrades-still looking at alternative ways.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-started process for servitude with Lloyd Ledet.
- Mitigation Project-worked on cost estimates and plans for the Parish who is receiving Mitigation grants.
- Sewer Phase VIII-applying for grants for drainage work.
- LGAP-trying to get grant money.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin had nothing to report.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Department's stats as follows:

- 580 calls for service
- 319 violations
- 256 cases
- 2 arrests

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we have not received any proposals for the Civil Defense building. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to rope off and put FOR SALE and NO TRESPASSING signs on the building. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Engineer John Plaisance advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that he is still working on fence bids for the John Parker Fence Permit. John Plaisance mentioned that the fences around the lift station got knocked down from the storm, so he will be putting those out to get quotes.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that he and Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier are still having their bi-weekly conference calls with FEMA. In between phone calls, Ernie with Powerhouse came to the pumping station and met with Mayor Joey Bouziga, Councilman Mike Billiot, and Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez, Jr. They made some changes in what was wanted before and had gotten an estimate not to exceed \$68,200.00 to put a canopy over the engine and drop down walls on 3 sides. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to move forward with the work at the pump station. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to get 3 quotes to repair the lift station. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga is working on donations and prices to fix the pavilions at the park.

Terry Gaudet had his condemnation hearing 10/3/2022, where the Council approved a deadline of 10/17/2022. As of 10/17/2022, he has made a lot of progress in cleaning the property up.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Roy Kiffe-136 B&R Lane has been demolished. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to remove this item from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that homeowner Florinda Verdin was given 90 days to make progress on 132 Doucet Drive, with a new deadline of 12/5/2022.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Police Department issued 1 summons on 10/17/2022 and that there are 9 people they cannot locate to issue grass cutting summons. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to send a building inspector to 162 Washington St. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that work is continuing on closing in the town barn frame.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Night Out Against Crime was a success.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council Trunk or Treat was a success with a huge turnout.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that a letter was sent to Gage Gisclair for his condemnation hearing scheduled 11/7/2022 on his property at 114 Palmetto Lane. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised the Mayor and the Council that Mr. Gisclair is currently in jail and she has not received the signed certified card back yet.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin mailed a letter to Huey Cressionie at 2609 North Bayou Drive. We have not received the signed certified card back yet.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the Sherriff's Office should be contacting the citizens on Cheramie Ln., Washington St., and Dursette St. regarding the speed bumps.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Jazlyn Geneve Lafont has picked up her permit application, but still hasn't turned it in as of 10/13/2022, for the building built at 2213 North Bayou Drive. Mayor Bouziga recommends sending her a letter to take care of this. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to mail her a letter. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to defer the Executive Session until the end of the meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to approve the September budget to actuals financial statements. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Item B in New Business should've been removed from the agenda-The Town made a LAMP investment into the Streets, Levee, and Drainage Funds in the amount of \$25,000 to each account.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Kyle William's term with the Lafourche Parish Tourist Commission Board ends December 31st. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to leave Kyle Williams on the Board. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we have Kevin Belanger, Cullen Curole, and Tom Watkins with South Central Planning here to present a proposal about the Management of the Condemnation Process and Removal of Condemnable Structures within the Town of Golden Meadow. Mayor Bouziga informed South Central Planning we will be reviewing the proposal.

Councilman Laci Latiolais spoke with Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council about having a Community Day to clean up and repair the Senior Citizens Building. The Council figured we will need to assess what is needed and then we can pick a date from there.

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

Councilman Willis Toups asked Chief Troy Dufrene about an abandoned vehicle on Pierce St. Councilman Laci Latiolais and Chief Dufrene said the vehicle moves and is not abandoned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Sybil Ledet spoke about walking in her neighborhood and usually feeling safe. She had 2 separate incidents with dogs not being on their leash and that the leash law should be enforced. Mayor Joey Bouziga said we can go put a dog cage out to catch the ones running the street and bring them to the shelter and that Chief Troy Dufrene can take care of citations for the ones that we know who the owners are.

Edward Louviere spoke about not having a library and that we should use the Golden Meadow Middle School Auditorium as a library.

Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Lafourche Parish Council met on October 11th and approved a resolution accepting 1 bid out of 3 to put some artificial turf at the Golden Meadow Park small baseball field.

With no more audience comments, Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation entitled The Estate of Lincoln J. Martin, Sr. Et Al v. Town of Golden Meadow, Suit No. C-145277 – Div. E – 17th Judicial District Court – Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

At 8:20 P.M., the Council went into Executive Session to discuss litigation entitled The Estate of Lincoln J. Martin, Sr. Et Al v. Town of Golden Meadow, Suit No. C-145277 – Div. E – 17th Judicial District Court – Parish of Lafourche, State of Louisiana. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Upon resuming the regular town meeting, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to the consent judgement against Lincoln Martin. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to remove Lincoln Martin from the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais brought up that PJs Fed Pond is open and anyone can go live in or go do drugs in there. Mayor Joey Bouziga will speak with PJ St. Pierre about it.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 8:27 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**