

November 7, 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, November 7, 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: Shelly Adams, Roy Borne Jr., Jesty Billiot Jr., Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Gage Gisclair, Salvador Gonzalez Jr., Bradley Landry, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Rory Martinez, Stella Mobley, Rachel Robichaux, and McNeely Rome.

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, but requested a correction to the meeting minutes to reflect the artificial term will be put on the youth baseball field and not the playground area and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 17, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to move Mr. Gage Gisclair – 114 Palmetto Ln condemnation hearing to beginning of meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the move forward with the demolishing of Mr. Gage Gisclair’s home – 114 Palmetto Ln. 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.

There were no Building Permits submitted for approval.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the following Occupational License submitted for approval. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to deny the Occupational License for Black & Hornsby Properties (short term rental/Air B&B). 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.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the following Occupational License submitted for approval. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to approve the Occupational License for Mains de Vie, LLC (spa, massage therapy, esthetics). The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to defer the Project Status Report until the November 21 meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin was absent, but asked Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier to speak about the agreement for the Golden Meadow Police Officers to be able to do Lafourche Parish School Board Details within the town. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward with the agreement. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Chief Troy Dufrene had no police business to report

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the closing for the Civil Defense building is set for Wednesday, November 9, 2022 to David and Monisa Laird for \$26,000. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented for Mayor Bouziga to sign the purchase agreement. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Town Engineer John Plaisance is still working on fence bids for the John Parker Fence Permit.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that Powerhouse who gave the quote not to exceed \$68,200.00 to fix the Pump Station, gave a new price of \$58,136.00. 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. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he got a price to replace the fuel tanks at the Pump Station for \$36,173.96. There will be a 10 week wait for delivery. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to move forward with the purchasing of the fuel tanks for the Pump Station. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received \$126,000.00 insurance money for the park and he issued a list to the Council for repairs and an estimate from Powerhouse to repair the park. Dufrene's Lumber will donate the cement board and Golden Lumber will donate the plywood to repair the Senior Citizen Center. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion as presented to move forward with the work at the park. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais spoke about plans for the future of the park. She suggested maybe filling the pool in and adding another pavilion to rent out and adding Putt Putt Golf.

Terry Gaudet had his condemnation hearing 10/3/2022, where the Council approved a deadline of 10/17/2022. As of 11/17/2022, he has made a lot of progress in cleaning the property up and it is hard for him to get a dumpster right now.

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. Councilman Kip Plaisance advised the Mayor and Council that Mr. Verdin bought some tin to cover the shed.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga that they are still issuing summons and a couple of the yards have been cleaned up. Audience member Stella Mobley complained

about the grass across the street from her house on Washington Street-which is the house Laci motioned to have inspected at our November 7 meeting-162 Washington Street.

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

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Counsel that the letter mailed to Huey Cressionie at 2609 North Bayou Drive came back undeliverable. Chief Troy Dufrene is working on locating him to deliver the letter.

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 is waiting on the variance from GIS Engineering, for the building built at 2213 North Bayou Drive. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to summon her to appear at the November 21 Town Meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Bouziga advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that we will have a cleanup/painting day at the Senior Citizen's building when the work is complete.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we have received the second half of ARPA money.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Krewe of Athena is requesting a parade permit for Friday, February 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion for Krewe of Athena to have their parade permit for Friday, February 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to approve the October budget to actuals financial statements. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council about buying the property north of town hall (410 North Alex Plaisance Blvd) from Chuck Guidry in the amount of \$26,000. The \$26,000 is the appraisal price from 2019, so we need a current appraisal. Councilman Mike Billiot

presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to move forward with a current appraisal. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council about buying a boom forklift for \$81,759 from United Rentals with the ARPA money. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to purchase the forklift. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council about purchasing a new town maintenance truck. Councilman Mike Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward and look into purchasing another truck. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented

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

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Patricia Louviere asked what the Civil Defense Building was being purchased for. Councilman Willis Toups informed her that will be where he stores his boats.

McNeely Rome asked when Johnnie Lee's house will be picked up. Councilman Jody Cheramie let him know that it's been reported Mayor Joey Bouziga will call the Parish President to see about getting the debris picked up.

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 Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 8:02 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**