

November 21, 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 21, 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 Laci Latiolais
Councilman Kip Plaisance
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Bryce Autin, Kevin Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine, Roxxy Pitre, Tom Pitre, John Plaisance, Becky Rogers, McNeely Rome and Carroll Terrebonne.

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 John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion, but requested a correction to the meeting minutes to correct a misspelling of "Counsel" on page 4, third paragraph, and to remove the last three paragraphs on Page 5 which were carry forwards from the previous meetings and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 7, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

There were no Building Permits submitted for approval.

There were no Occupational Licenses submitted for approval.

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 and will complete the servitude map so advertising can begin in January of 2023.
- Mitigation Project-worked on cost estimates and plans for the Parish who is receiving Mitigation grants.
- LGAP-trying to get grant money which the application is due by December 19, 2022.

John Plaisance requested that the Council approve a resolution for the LGAP grant, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion

and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented authorizing the Mayor to sign the LGAP resolution. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin reported on the agreement for the Golden Meadow Police Officers to be able to do Lafourche Parish School Board Details within the town. Bryce is still working on modifications to the agreement.

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

- 748 calls for service
- 339 cases
- 306 citations
- 456 violations
- 5 arrests

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, and is expecting to send out for quotes the week of November 28, 2022.

Regarding Hurricane Ida, Laci Latiolais advised that work has begun on the Senior Citizens building. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that requests for proposals were sent out for the fences around the lift stations and for repair and replacement of the street signs.

Terry Gaudet had his condemnation hearing 10/3/2022, where the Council approved a deadline of 10/17/2022. As of 11/21/2022, he has made a lot of progress in cleaning the property up and it is hard for him to get a dumpster right now. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to hand deliver a letter to Terry Gaudet requesting that he appear at the next meeting on Monday, December 5, 2022 to provide an update. 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 that they are still issuing summons and a couple of the yards have been cleaned up. Chief Troy Dufrene advised that they have reached a dead end, and have provided letters to everyone that they could locate at the time. Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that we still do not have a grass cutter, but requested Chief Troy Dufrene to get him and the council the names of the citizens he is unable to locate.

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

Councilman Mike Billiot stated that he received a call that the neighbor is going to purchase Gage Gisclair's house and tear it down. The Mayor advised to leave it on the agenda until the house is torn down.

Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council 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 was supposed to deliver her permit payment to GIS Engineering on Thursday, November 17, 2022, but John Plaisance advised that as of Monday, November 21, 2022, payment still had not been received. The Council previously requested a letter be sent to Ms. Lafont to appear at the next meeting. Town Attorney Bryce Autin advised that he would prepare a letter to be hand delivered to her.

Councilman Laci Latiolais 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 about buying the property north of town hall (410 North Alex Plaisance Blvd) from Chuck Guidry in the amount of \$26,000. The new appraisal was received on Monday, November 21, 2022 with a value of \$26,000. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward with the purchase of the property. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving a Public Hearing followed by a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 to discuss and adopt the proposed Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. This will be used as the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented to introduce an ordinance to adopt the Combined Budget of Expenditures and Revenues for the Fiscal Year January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to approve a resolution for the Mayor to sign an agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for dental and vision insurance to be paid by the town for the employees. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to approve the 2023 Town of Golden Meadow's meeting schedule. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that Scott A. St. Pierre's house located at 104 Theriot Street needs grass cutting and a clean-up letter sent out. Roxxy Pitre advised that a letter had been sent out, but it came back as undeliverable. Mayor Joey Bouziga requested additional research to be done to locate someone.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to request a building inspector to provide a structural analysis for a home belonging to Sheila Picou and Other located at 104 Pierce Street. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to declare an obsolete Samsung Printer as surplus junk. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented to approve the changes to the Town of Golden Meadow's Policies and Procedures dated November 21, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented to dedicate one tennis court and the basketball court as a pickleball court and to provide the net and pickleball lines. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion as presented to schedule a condemnation hearing for Samuel and Allison Rankin for the home located at 162 Washington Street. Councilman Willis Toups advised that both people are deceased so Mayor Joey Bouziga advised that we will find someone in the family.

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

Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion as presented to add the potential purchase of a Tandem-Axle Trailer Jet for culvert cleaning to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Kip Plaisance presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion as presented authorizing the Town to purchase a Tandem-Axle Trailer Jet for \$88,000. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to add a parade permit for the Rotary Club of Golden Meadow to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve a parade permit for the Rotary Club of Golden Meadow Christmas Parade to roll on December 10, 2022 at 3:00pm. Voting was as follows: YEAS: Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: Councilman Mike Billiot; ABSENT: Councilman Jody Cheramie.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and reminded everyone that December 10, 2022 is an election day for the Veterans tax. Early voting begins on November 26, 2022 thru December 3, 2023.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 7:37 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**TRACEE CLOUTIER, TOWN CLERK AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR**