

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 20, 2023

Golden Meadow Town Hall

107 Jervis Dr.

Golden Meadow, LA 70357

Mayor Joey Bouziga was present for the regular town meeting and called it to order on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Council Member Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Council Member Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Present: Mike Billiot, Jody Cheramie, Laci Latiolais, and Willis Toups

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Kip Plaisance

Others attending were: Clay Alleman, Yvonne Alleman, Pat Amedee, Ben Autin, Bryce Autin, Natalie Autin, Corine Berthelot, Stephanie Bollinger, Marty Bradberry, Joseph Cehan, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Devin Dedon, Nicol Dufrene, Troy Dufrene, Amanda Granier, Daniel Lorraine, Patricia Louviere, John Plaisance, Johnny Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Alexis Schwertz, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the Town's Public Hearing #1 minutes from November 6, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to approve the Town's Public Hearing #2 minutes from November 6, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

A motion to approve the Town's regular meeting minutes from November 6, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Amanda Granier and Pat Amedee from the Lafourche Parish Sales Tax Office spoke about the amended sales tax ordinance adopted by the Lafourche Parish School Board. A motion to approve a resolution to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended sales tax ordinance adopted by the Lafourche Parish School Board, collectors of sales tax, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023.

A motion to appoint McNeely Rome, Jr., to the South Lafourche Levee District for 4 years-January 2024 thru December 2027, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Touns, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

Building Permits: NONE.

Occupational Licenses: NONE.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-The concurrence in the Construction Contract Award was received from Facility Planning on 11/16/2023. The award letter was sent to Shaw Construction Services, LLC on 11/20/2023.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-awaiting 1 servitude acquisition and GIS is in the process of surveying the lift station site for purchase.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-received GOSHEP approval and is under review by FEMA.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (FMA)-Town Engineer Plaisance stated GIS is working on the next step.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-loan is approved and the plans and specs have been turned in; the next step will be getting servitudes.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-the minor changes that Facility Planning asked for have been turned back in to them. GIS performed the survey and advertising is expected to begin in January 2024.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-GIS is waiting on Facility Planning to approve the engineering agreement before performing the survey again and advertising is expected to begin in February 2024.
- Drainage Canal Survey/Recon and Permitting-The scope was sent to FEMA for approval and is still under review as of 11/20/2023.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for the fiscal year 2024-2025 were submitted on 10/31/2023. The 3 continuing projects are the North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades, the Armand/Alcide Drainage, and the Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road. The 3 projects we have been applying for, for the last several years are the Dursette-Pershing Drainage, the Jefferson Street Drainage, and the Oakridge Park Drainage. The 3 new projects are the Maintenance Building 30x80 Lean To, the Martinez Draining Project, and the Culvert Cleaning Proposal from Atakapa Services.
- Interior Door in Town Hall-submitted to fire marshal on 11/16/2023 and received approval on 11/20/2023. Town Engineer Plaisance asked that the contractor get with him before the installation, to make sure the door meets the criteria.
- Town Engineer Plaisance asked that the chlorine contact chamber at the South Plant in the old section be added to the agenda. A motion to add the chlorine contact chamber at the South Plant in the old section to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. The Council unanimously approved the motion as

presented. Town Engineer Plaisance stated that the chlorine contact chamber is going out and will need to be replaced, so he is adding it to the projects.

Town Attorney Bryce Autin presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Martin Perkins)-On 11/6/2023, the Council gave the new owner additional time to make repairs, with a deadline of 12/4/2023.
- Town Attorney Autin advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that they requested an Attorney General opinion in regards to going outside of the Golden Meadow town limits for a Chief of Police election or appointment on 11/14/2023. Mayor Bouziga stated he did not get an official opinion, but he did get a phone call from the AG Office and it is illegal to have a Chief of Police, either elected or appointed outside of the town limits. A motion to remove requesting an Attorney General opinion in regards of going outside of the Golden Meadow town limits for either an elected or appointed Chief of Police from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- Town Attorney Autin advised the Council that they have drafted an Ordinance to prohibit loitering within the Town of Golden Meadow that needs to be introduced and have a public hearing to discuss and solicit public comments. A motion to have a public hearing on 12/4/2023 at 6:45 PM, to discuss the Ordinance prohibiting loitering within the Golden Meadow town limits, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- Town Attorney Autin advised the Council that while researching the original Ordinance for the Town Employees' health insurance, they were not able to find an Ordinance, just resolutions. He would like to postpone introducing the Chief of Police health insurance Ordinance, while adding the Town Employees on the Ordinance as well until the 12/4/2023 meeting. A motion to postpone introducing the Chief of Police health insurance Ordinance, while adding the Town Employees on the Ordinance as well until the 12/4/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- Town Attorney Autin asked the Council if we can postpone BC 1016 and BC 1018-Gloria Bouzigard Statement of Claim to the 12/18/2023 meeting. He stated that we have to send certified letters out to different addresses.
- Town Attorney Autin advised that they were able to get a judgement against Mr. Richard Green for the amount owed for the demolition of the house 2607 North Bayou Drive. (near Legion Lane). The next step will be seizing and selling the property. A motion to remove the Richard Green property at 2607 North Bayou Drive from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-As soon as the equipment is available, they will come out and reassess Chermie Lane, Washington Street, and Dursette Street. Chief Dufrene asked that we remove Wilfred Duet Street, Callais Lane and Ridgewood Boulevard from the agenda, since they have been assessed and did not meet the Parish criteria. A motion to remove speed hump assessments for Wilfred Duet Street, Callais Lane and Ridgewood Boulevard from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Chermie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Chermie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised the body cameras are in use, but we have not received the dash cameras yet. Chief Dufrene asked that we remove body cameras from the agenda. A motion to remove body cameras from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Chermie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive-Chief Dufrene advised that we are still waiting on an available reader for LA 1 at the beginning of town and the school zone.
- Chief Dufrene advised the Council that the Police Department have been patrolling extra at the boat launch at the park. A motion to remove extra boat launch patrol at the park from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Chermie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- Chief Dufrene stated he looked into the tagging of alligators during alligator season versus Wildlife and Fisheries catching and killing them. He stated that you have to call Wildlife and Fisheries, who then get in touch with the Nuisance Officer that will pick up the alligators. After they are picked up, Wildlife and Fisheries are not told what the Nuisance Officers do with them. A motion to remove chief looking into the tagging of alligators during alligator season versus Wildlife and Fisheries catching and killing them from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Chermie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- October Stats:
 - 721 calls for service
 - 87 cases
 - 85 citations
 - 2 arrests

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs:

- Project 673209 (2336)-Security Cameras-Obligated, funds received and work completed
- Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle and Flood Gate at Park-Obligated and funds received; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 673198 (2408)-Big Electrical Box at Pump Station-Obligated and awaiting funds; work completion deadline is February 2024.

- Project 673187 (2454)-Street and Caution Signs-Obligated and awaiting funds; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants-Obligated and received funds 11/20/2023; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies-Obligated and received funds 11/20/2023; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed-Obligated and received funds 11/20/2023; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 673226 (2753)-Basketball Pavilion and Canopy Next to Senior Citizens-Awaiting obligation. Council Member Billiot stated that one of the basketball goals is bent, so Mayor Bouziga stated we will replace it.
- Project 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory-Pending PDMG Scope/Costing
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request
- Project 673215-Swimming Pool Bath House Building-50% rule request
- Project 706065-Swimming Pool Pump Building-50% rule request
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool-50% rule request
- Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat-Pending CRC project development
- Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal-Pending Initial Development
- Project 673219-Pump Station Building-Pending Initial Development

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are resubmitting new paperwork when available and the deadline is 6/30/2024.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are still waiting for the contractor to begin work on the security lights and ceiling fans at the park pavilion.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting for the parish to fix Ridgewood Boulevard., Doucet Drive, and Norman Street.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that some of the playground equipment came in on 11/20/2023 and Council Member Latiolais stated they are starting to put it together.

A motion to remove considering a revision to the Policies and Procedures-Part XV Traffic Ticket/Misdemeanor Summons from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the alligator signs for the park were ordered on 11/7/2023.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are waiting on possible Recreation District funding to purchase Uline trash cans for the park.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the updates on the Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1017-Structure 2 owned by Estate of Azenor Martin and Amelia Autin Martin-The bid for demolition was awarded on 10/16/2023 and the demolition was scheduled for 11/16/2023. Town Attorney Autin stated we have to give proper notice to Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux, so demolition is now scheduled for 12/4/2023.
- BC 1022-213 N Bayou Drive-Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-The demolition is complete and the next action is for the attorney to file a lien. Mayor Bouziga advised that the property on the north side of 213 N. Bayou Drive property is still damaged, so he asks for us to leave it on the agenda until this is fixed.
- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. SCPDC and Town Clerk Cloutier have both been in contact with Mr. Battles, though they still haven't been served. He does plan to demolish the shed, but needs a little time. A motion to move the condemnation hearing to 12/4/2023, and if they can't get proper service on Mr. and Mrs. Battles, to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-a condemnation order was issued for 30 days with a deadline of 11/20/2023. Service was made on Francis Plaisance. Building Inspector Cehan stated that there has been some demolition, but not a significant change. A motion to advertise for demolition bids, as presented, was made by Council Member Latolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1028-805 South Alex Plaisance Blvd.-Ricky Louviere (L&S Rentals)-a condemnation order was issued for 30 days with a deadline of 11/20/2023. Building Inspector Cehan stated that demolition is complete and all of the debris has been removed. A motion to remove BC 1028 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Total Wireline Services-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin-Condemnation Hearing was on 11/6/2023 and Council gave 30 days for repairs, with an update at 12/4/2023 meeting.

New Business

A motion to approve the October budget to actuals financial statements, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

A motion to approve the Rotary Club of Golden Meadow's Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday 12/9/2023 at 3:00 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Billiot; ABSENT: Plaisance.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the new Condemnation Proceedings:

- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Condemnation Hearing 11/20/2023. Mr. Watkins stated that proper service has been made and Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. Mayor Bouziga spoke to Polly Cheramie on 11/20/2023 and she could not come to the meeting tonight because she is sick. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1030-Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation Hearing 11/20/2023. Mr. Watkins stated that proper service has been made and Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. Mayor Bouziga spoke to Polly Cheramie on 11/20/2023 and she could not come to the meeting tonight because she is sick. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-Condemnation Hearing 11/20/2023. Mr. Watkins stated that proper service has been made and Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais, but was then retracted because homeowner Corine Berthelot is present and wants to address the Council. Corine stated that Council Member Toups is working on their succession, so she is waiting on that before she can do anything more to the house. Her intentions are to fix the house, but she did get a demolition permit in case it has to get torn down. Mr. Watkins recommended to Ms. Berthelot to file a small succession-basically to go to any attorney and get them to file an affidavit with the courthouse. A motion to give Ms. Berthelot 30 days to try to get the succession straight, with an update at the 12/18/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1035-208 North Alex Plaisance Blvd-Grady Gaubert-Gaubert Oil Company-Condemnation Hearing 11/20/2023. Building inspector Cehan has confirmed this property has been demolished and the debris has been removed. A motion to remove BC 1035 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-undergoing repairs and Inspector is to provide an update. Building Inspector Cehan advised that when he spoke to the property owners on 10/12/2023, and they are redoing a lot of the house. Mr. Cehan advised the home owners to get the proper permits for the renovation/rebuild and have all the necessary inspections done. Mr. Cehan inspected the property today and spoke with the gentleman living in the FEMA trailer in front of the property. The gentleman told him the homeowners are out of town, but they are going back and forth between contractors and they haven't secured a permit as of 11/20/2023.

- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-Condernation Hearing 11/20/2023. Mr. Watkins stated that proper service has been made and Building Inspector Cehan stated there have been no changes since the initial inspection. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Plaisance.

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

Council Member Latiolais stated that one of her customers asked if the Police Department could direct traffic for the 5:00 Our Lady of Prompt Succor mass on Saturdays.

Council Member Cheramie stated that trash is being picked up, but not like it was.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:08 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK