

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 4, 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, December 4, 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 Town Engineer John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie

Others attending were: Ben Autin, Bryce Autin, Joseph Cehan, Evan Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Corine Dantin, Troy Dufrene, Brian Eymard, Stephanie Griffin, Uriah Lasseigne, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the Town's regular meeting minutes from November 20, 2023, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor's Report:

A motion to amend the 2023 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

A motion to adopt the 2024 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the LGAP application was submitted on 11/13/2023 and the results are expected July/August 2024.

A motion to introduce an Ordinance for the Council to consider holding a special election for voters to authorize appointment of a Chief of Police, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; but there was no second made, so therefore the motion failed.

Building Permits: NONE.

Occupational Licenses: NONE.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-The contract was sent to Shaw Construction Services, LLC for a signature on 11/21/2023 and was received back on 12/1/2023, so GIS is preparing them to bring to the town hall for the mayor's signature on 12/6/2023.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG-had a meeting on 12/4/2023 to discuss the next step to the sewer acquisition and GIS is still 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)-waiting on FEMA to let them know the next steps.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII)-loan is approved and the plans and specs were turned in 11/14/2023. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised that Foley & Judell reached out on 12/4/2023 and they are expecting to close the loan on 12/13/2023.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-GIS has completed the surveys and advertising is expected to begin in January 2024.
- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage, Planning and Construction-GIS needs to perform these surveys 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 11/30/2023.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that 9 Capital Outlay requests for the fiscal year 2024-2025 were submitted on 10/31/2023 and we are waiting for them to go through the legislative process which will be in June 2024.
- Interior Door in Town Hall-submitted to fire marshal on 11/16/2023 and received approval on 11/20/2023. GIS will be working with the contractor for the installation.
- Town Engineer Plaisance advised that they will be putting a package together for replacement of the large tank in the chlorine contact chamber at the South Plant.

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. The property was not inspected today, but Council Member Plaisance stated it didn't look like there were any changes. A motion to have the new owner Walter Guidry appear at the 12/18/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie. Mayor Bouziga also stated we would mail a grass cutting letter on 12/5/2023. A motion to consolidate items 1 and 2 from the

Attorney's Report on the agenda, and add Walter Guidry to item 1, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.

- A motion to approve the Loitering Ordinance for the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.
- A motion to add introducing an Employee Health Insurance Ordinance to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.
- A motion to introduce an Employee Health Insurance Ordinance, including the Mayor and Chief of Police, and have a public hearing on 12/18/2023 at 6:30 PM for discussion, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.
- A motion to introduce an Ordinance providing an exception to town payment of a portion of individual hospitalization insurance premiums for the Town Group Insurance Policy for the Chief of Police and have a public hearing on 12/18/2023 at 6:45 PM for discussion, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.
- Town Attorney Autin advised that Gloria Bouzigard's Statement of Claim for BC 1016 and BC 1018 was served for her notice to be heard on 12/18/2023.
- A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office beginning January 1, 2024 for the use of the Zuercher Suites (LEDS software); costing approximately \$21,878 per year, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cherie.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-As soon as the equipment is available, they will come out and reassess Cherie Lane, Washington Street, and Dursette Street.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised the dash cameras are on order.
- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive-Chief Dufrene advised that we are still waiting on an available reader.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida repairs:

- Project 673209 (2336)-Security Cameras-Obligated, funds received, and work completed. A motion to remove Project 673209 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- Project 673219-Pump Station Building-Pending Initial Development-Project withdrawn due to 100% reimbursement from the Drainage District-sandblasting and painting still underway and tank installation to take place within the next couple of months.
- Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle and Flood Gate at Park-Obligated and funds received; work completion deadline is February 2024.

Town Clerk Cloutier advised that on the projects that are about to be discussed, we are looking to put the RFPs out the week of 12/11/2023 for bids to get a general contractor to oversee these projects.

- 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 funds received; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies-Obligated and funds received; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed-Obligated and funds received; work completion deadline is February 2024.
- Project 673226 (2753)-Basketball Pavilion and Canopy Next to Senior Citizens-Awaiting obligation.
- Project 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory-Pending CRC Project Development.
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request. Pending PDMG Scope and Cost Routing.
- Project 706065-Swimming Pool Pump Building-50% rule request. Pending FEMA Peer Review.
- Project 673215-Swimming Pool Bath House Building-50% rule request. Pending CRC Project Development.
- Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat-Pending CRC Project Development.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool-50% rule request. Pending CRC Project Development.
- Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal-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 and it should take place around 12/11/2023.

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 the playground equipment arrived and installation is complete. We are awaiting cement for posts to install the handicap swing.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that 3 Don't Feed the Alligator signs have been placed at the park. A motion to remove placing alligator signs at the park 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: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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-Ad Hoc Attorney Eugene Gouaux was given notice to appear at the 12/4/2023 meeting. Demolition is scheduled to begin on 12/5/2023.
- BC 1022-213 N Bayou Drive-Mae Malcomb Guilbeau, Malcom James Guilbeau, and Connie Elizabeth Guilbeau-The demolition is complete. A motion to have the Town Attorney(s) file a lien on behalf of the Town of Golden Meadow, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie. The property on the north side of 213 N. Bayou Drive property is still damaged, so we are keeping this on the agenda until it is fixed.
- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. Condemnation hearing is scheduled for 12/18/2023.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-Town Clerk Cloutier advised that there is a letter from the property owner in the Council Member's binders on their demolition progress and they expect to have the demolition completed at the end of January 2024. A motion to open the sealed demolition bids and give the property owner until 1/16/2024 for an update, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. Council Member Plaisance retracted his second and then Council Member Billiot seconded Council Member Latiolais's motion. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie.
 - BM Construction-\$4,860

- Adams Land and Property Management-\$3,900
- Yankee Enterprises-\$5,800

A motion, as presented, to accept the bid from Adams Land and Property Management for \$3,900.00 to demolish BC 1026 was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline is 12/27/2023.
- BC 1030-Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline is 12/27/2023.
- BC 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Total Wireline Services-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin-Building Inspector Cehan advised that since the initial inspection, they have closed up a lot of openings in the building to make it weathertight. They have also repainted and repaired some of the exterior bricks. They are actively working on repairing the building. A motion to give the property owners 30 more days, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin-Condemnation Hearing was 11/20/2023 and Council gave until 12/18/2023 to get the succession straight.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Building Inspector Cehan advised that the house is currently undergoing repairs, but he isn't sure if the homeowner got the permits needed. Mayor Bouziga asked Town Engineer Plaisance to check if the permits were gotten. A motion have the homeowners appear at the 12/18/2023 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days and the deadline is 12/27/2023.

New Business

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

- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation hearing scheduled for 12/4/2023. Mr. Thomassie spoke to Mayor Bouziga and let him know that he hired Picciola Construction to repair the building. A motion to give Mr. Thomassie 30 days to repair the building, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie.
- BC 1039-114 St. Mary Street-Richard and Kiesha Plaisance. Condemnation hearing scheduled for 12/4/2023. Building Inspector Cehan advised that there are 2 structures on

this property. One is identified as 110 St. Mary Street and there is one on the left that does not have an address on it. The one on the right has ongoing permitted work being done to it and he does not believe that one should be condemned. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order on the structure to the left, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie.

- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation hearing scheduled for 12/4/2023. Homeowner Mr. Eymard is present. Building Inspector Cehan advised that he spoke with Mr. Eymard and he explained to Mr. Cehan that he wanted to save most of the material and the time constraint was that he needed to build a building to store the material in. The building has been built as of today and he's made progress of moving some of the material to the storage location and partially dismantling some of the structure. A motion to give Mr. Eymard 30 days, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A motion to give Mr. Eymard proper notice to return to the 1/2/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Plaisance; ABSENT: Cheramie.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:50 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK