

June 5, 2023

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, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM 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 Willis Touns

Those absent were: Councilman Kip Plaisance

Others attending were: Charles Bertrand, Dessa Cheramie, Mia Cheramie, Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Sherry Edwards, Brian Eymard, Brenda Gisclair, Darryl Gisclair, Barbara Gonzalez, Penny Guidroz, Jeray Jarreau, Daniel Lorraine, Edward Louviere, Patricia Louviere, Stella Mobley, Johnny Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Carroll Terrebonne, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

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 Touns led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Edward Louviere led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Hearing #1 held on May 15, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Hearing #2 held on May 15, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Public Meeting held on May 15, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to approve the request to move the meeting scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2023 to Wednesday July 5, 2023 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Golden Meadow Senior Citizens Center's Sherry Edwards addressed Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council regarding the Senior Citizens trying to raise money to help with their electricity bill. She stated they were worried about the electricity bill because it keeps going up. They spoke with the Cut Off Youth Center and they will allow them to work 3 dates for concession to help raise money for their bill. Ms. Edwards thanked the Mayor and the Council for the work that was done on the Senior Citizens Center. Mayor Bouziga stated that Lafourche Recreation District 3 gives \$150/month for the Senior Citizens Center's electricity bill, but the Senior Citizens Center hasn't asked for reimbursement since January. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau told Ms. Edwards to call her nonprofit Bless Your Heart and they would be able to donate something for the electricity bill.

Town Citizen Sherry Edwards addressed Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council about Martha Daigle's house located at 1914 South Bayou Drive. She is worried that if we have another storm, the debris will fly on her house. Mayor Bouziga stated we didn't send a letter from South Central Planning with the other houses because he believes the house is on FEMA's tear down list.

Mayor Joey Bouziga had Board of Adjustments Chairman McNeely Rome present the Variance Requests discussed at the 6/5/2023 Hearing:

- Variance Request for Dollar General Sign located at 1012 South Bayou Drive- Chairman Rome advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that after discussion, they are recommending approving the variance requested for the Dollar General sign for 50 sq. ft. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to take the recommendation from the committee and grant the variance request as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there were no Occupational Licenses submitted for approval.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to move the project status report update to the 6/19/2023 meeting as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau's Attorney Report:

- Council to consider approving Ordinance Amendment to GM Ordinance No. 437 regarding payment of health insurance premiums for certain retirees. Town Attorney Jarreau advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that she and the other Town Attorney Bryce Autin want to revise the Ordinance Amendment more before presenting it to the Council, so she would like to move this item to the next meeting. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to move this item to the 6/19/2023 meeting as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.
- Council to consider approving an Ordinance for the Exempt Trust Division for Alan and Polly Cheramie on property along the northern side of Tamplain Lane approximately 500' west of Louisiana Highway 1 Golden Meadow. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance for the Exempt Trust Division for Alan and Polly Cheramie on property along the northern side of Tamplain Lane approximately 500' west of Louisiana Highway 1 Golden Meadow as presented. The Council unanimously

approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

- Council to consider approving an Ordinance for the extension of Lou's Rental's LLC RV Park on property along the eastern side of Alex Plaisance Boulevard approximately 1,500' north of Oakridge Drive Golden Meadow. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to approve the Ordinance for the extension of Lou's Rental's LLC RV Park on property along the eastern side of Alex Plaisance Boulevard approximately 1,500' north of Oakridge Drive Golden Meadow as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.
- Council to consider approving an Ordinance amending the Golden Meadow Zoning Ordinance to provide for an exception to the area regulations with regard to setbacks for 2213 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Golden Meadow Zoning Ordinance to provide for an exception to the area regulations with regard to setbacks for 2213 North Bayou Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357 as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.
- Email from Bryce Autin detailing reasons why it would be hard to obtain a judgment for the administrative cost of the SCPDC condemnation process. Town Attorney Jarreau advised Mayor Bouziga and the Council that she discussed this with Town Attorney Autin today. They both researched the issue and they believe the Statute is set for a particular type of condemnation-where they commence the process, request the homeowner to come to the meeting to go over the building inspection report, and they either demolish the property or remedy the problem. When the homeowner complies with the Council's request, it is the Town Attorneys' position not to charge the homeowner fees. If we have to go out for bids and get the work done ourselves, then the Town Attorneys' position would be to issue a judgement against the homeowner.

Chief Troy Dufrene's Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps for Cheramie Lane, Washington Street and Dursette Street. Chief Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that he presented the report at the last meeting, but he did speak to Lieutenant Andrew

Labat, and when he can get the equipment back down here, they will remove the ropes from Chermie Lane to redo the survey. When it comes to Dursette Street, they will redo the survey when the Golden Meadow Bridge reopens. Chief Dufrene recommends getting the equipment to do the surveys down Wilfred Duet Street, Ridgewood Boulevard, and Oakridge Drive. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Toups seconded the motion to follow Chief Dufrene's recommendation as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

1504 South Bayou Drive (John Parker)-condemnation hearing is scheduled for 6/19/2023.

Hurricane Ida repairs-Oakridge Park, Pump Station, Streets, Lift Station, and FEMA report-Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Oakridge Park is almost finished. He stated that the windows are on backorder, the floor is painted, and the canopy is taken care of for the Pumping Station. Mayor Bouziga stated that the Senior Citizens Building is complete. He advised we are waiting on FEMA to give us some approvals for the Lift Station. He stated that they had a phone meeting with FEMA on 6/5/2023. Town Citizen Brian Eymard stated that he will be dismantling the collapsed building at 113 North Bayou Drive.

Kyle Williams-proposal for future plans of the Ceramic Shop. Kyle Williams advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the building is rather small for a museum and he is fine with them taking it off of the agenda for now. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded the motion to remove Kyle Williams-proposal for future plans of the Ceramic Shop off of the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin)-Demolition completed 5/23/2023. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated she needs a copy of the invoice and check and a completed picture to send a demand letter to the Ad Hoc Council. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Jody Chermie seconded the motion to remove 162 Washington Street (Samuel and Allison Rankin) off of the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant-Update on use of funds. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier stated she is waiting on a few final invoices so they can make their submission.

133 Cheramie Lane (David Cheramie)-tall grass and debris-hand delivered letter on 5/10/2023 and giving 5 days to clean up but additional time was given until 6/6/2023. David Cheramie's fiancé Dessa Cheramie is present and stated almost everything is complete.

LA 1 and Pelican Lane (Victor Boudreaux and Wife)-grass cutting completed 5/24/2023. Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to remove LA 1 and Pelican Lane (Victor Boudreaux and Wife)-grass cutting off of the agenda as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated she will also need a copy of the invoice and check and a completed picture to send a demand letter to the property owner to send to Lafourche Parish Assessor's Office for their tax bill.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that he hasn't heard anything back from Laura Sanders for a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> Library-2-Geaux location.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that PJ's Fed Pond has been boarded up except for the south side and he will talk to Mr. PJ St. Pierre.

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

- BC 1006-110 Pelican Lane-Estate of Faustin Borne/Marcess Calais Borne/Julie Borne Galiano; Demolition Contract awarded; work to begin no earlier than 5/24/2023; work completed on 5/26/2023. Mr. Watkins advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that BC 1006 has been demolished. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau recommends leaving BC 1006 on the agenda because if the homeowner doesn't comply with the demand letter, we will need to get the Council's permission to file suit.
- BC 1008-153 Nichols Street-Jody Pitre/Monique Pitre-Condemnation Order for 6/5/2023 with a monthly update to be provided until the deadline; homeowner asked inspector to re-inspect property since repairs-passed, but needs a new roof. SCPDC Building Inspector Charles Bertrand stated the roof is now sealed and closed in, but the metal is not on there yet. Homeowner Jody Pitre called Councilman Jody

Cheramie today and let him know he would be finishing the roof, so this item is deferred until the 6/19/2023 meeting.

- BC 1009-145 Terrebonne Lane-Marlene C Trahan, On Behalf of Earlia Trahan Arceneaux/Cheramie & Sunday, LLC, Jenna Cheramie - Condemnation Orders issued for 5/4/2023 but gave 30 day extension to 6/3/2023 and Condemnation Order issued for Earlia Arceneaux for 4/23/2023; next update from homeowner on progress due 6/5/2023. Homeowner is not present. SCPDC Building Inspector Charles Bertrand stated that there have been some improvements, but there is still a lot to be done.
- BC 1011-108 Henry Street-Erris LeBouef/Mark Plaisance-Condemnation Order issued for 6/5/2023; Homeowner updated tearing the structure down, and will meet the deadline. Work complete. Homeowner Erris LeBouef stated that the debris isn't picked up yet. Councilman Jody Cheramie advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that River Birch will no longer be picking up the large piles of debris anymore, so it will be the homeowner's responsibility to remove it from the property. This will be kept on the agenda until the debris is picked up.
- BC 1013-137 Delgrandile Lane-Ethel Boudreaux-Condemnation Order issued for 5/3/2023 but gave 30 day extension to 6/2/2023 and will be tearing it down; work complete. The debris is not picked up. This will be kept on the agenda until the debris is picked up.
- BC 1014-129 Fred Street-Dylan P Brown sold to Tony Fillinich- issued Condemnation Order for 10 days 4/22/2023; work complete. The debris is not picked up. This will be kept on the agenda until the debris is picked up.
- BC 1016-110 Delgrandile Lane-Sherry Griffin Demere-New Condemnation Hearing date is 6/19/2023; still researching ownership. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau stated that she and the other Town Attorney Bryce Autin researched the issue and Sherry Griffin Demere is the owner.
- BC 1017-112 Delgrandile Lane (OWNER UNKNOWN)-tabled until more research is done; Wade Pitre advised on 5/1/2023 that he will begin cleaning. Mr. Watkins advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that their abstractor has completed the report for this property, but they have not been able to meet with the Town Attorneys to discuss the difference of opinion for the ownership, so they want to get that straight. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau advised Mr. Watkins that she and Town Attorney Bryce Autin will be available this week to discuss this issue.
- BC 1018-112 Delgrandile Lane (OWNER UNKNOWN)-tabled until more research is done; Wade Pitre advised on 5/1/2023 that he will begin cleaning. Town Attorneys Jeray Jarreau and Bryce Autin will meet with Tom Watkins this week concerning BC 1018 as well.

- BC 1020-194 Pierce Street-Adam John Bourgeois-Notice of Condemnation Hearing set for 6/19/2023. Councilman Laci Latiolais advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that this has been torn down. The debris is not picked up. This will be kept on the agenda until the debris is picked up. Councilman Willis Touns stated that some of the debris is on the road and 2 cars cannot pass at the same time. Mayor Bouziga stated he will get the Town Maintenance Crew to push it back.
- BC 1022-513 North Bayou Drive-Denise Richoux-Notice of Condemnation Hearing set for 6/5/2023 but will likely need more time to appoint an ad hoc attorney. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Ms. Richoux called her today. Ms. Richoux stated she is handicapped and her handicapped vehicle is in the shop, so she could not make the meeting tonight, but gave her cell phone number if we need to reach her. She also said she has only paid the taxes on the property and doesn't plan to invest any money into it until she owns it. Mr. Watkins recommends hiring an ad hoc attorney and setting a condemnation hearing to move forward. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to hire an ad hoc attorney and have the hearing at the 7/5/2023 meeting as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance. Mayor Bouziga asked Mr. Watkins to include in future letters that the homeowner must pick up their debris. Councilman Jody Chermie asked if they could also add that the homeowner need permits if they are repairing as well. Mr. Watkins said they could add these to the letters.

Councilman Jody Chermie presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touns seconded the motion to approve a resolution to authorize Mayor Joey Bouziga to sign the Contractual Agreement with the Lafourche Council on Aging, Inc. as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.

Councilman Willis Touns presented a motion and Councilman Laci Latiolais seconded the motion to approve May's Budget to Actuals Financial Statements as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: YEAS: Councilman Jody Chermie, Councilman Willis Touns, Councilman Laci Latiolais; Councilman Mike Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Kip Plaisance.



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

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion to add drainage at 1704 South Bayou Drive as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Mike Billiot advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that about 6 months ago, he got with Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez Jr., because Carroll Terrebonne at 1704 South Bayou Drive wanted to raise the drainage and Mr. Terrebonne was told he could not because it would affect the drainage. Councilman Mike Billiot stated the property owner added dirt. Mr. Terrebonne is present and stated that the catch basin was never raised. He stated when Picciola worked on the drainage in 2011; that the rain ended up washing out dirt and his fence was leaning. The only reason he put the dirt was to prevent the fence from falling over and he put wood around the catch basins so the dirt wouldn't go in them. Mayor Bouziga stated that they would have a conference call with the Town Attorneys and the Town Engineer to discuss before making any decisions.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Town Citizen Brian Eymard addressed Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council about Resolution 974, which is a Grant of Servitude for the Alex Plaisance Service Road behind the Pumping Station that was never finished. When Mr. Eymard went to cut his grass on his property back there, he noticed 2 pilings put up, which is illegal. Mayor Bouziga stated he would get with the Town Engineer to see the Servitude map and he would get back with Mr. Eymard.

Town Citizen Kyle Williams stated that his club The Lafourche Concert Club and other clubs have been using the park often for events and the Pavilion would benefit with fans underneath and floodlights shining toward the bandstand. Councilman Mike Billiot stated he had discussed the fans with Councilman Laci Latiolais before the meeting.

Town Citizens Patricia and Edward Louviere stated that even though Washington Street failed the speed hump survey, they believe they are still needed.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cherie seconded the motion adjourning this meeting at 8:15 P.M. as presented. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**RACHEL ROBICHAUX  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**