

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 1, 2024
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, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM. He instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: Jody Cheramie and Laci Latiolais

Others attending were: Stephanie Bollinger, Joseph Cehan, Buffy Charpentier, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Devin Dedon, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau, Michelle Lafont, Tait Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Daniel Lorraine, Perry Perrin, John Plaisance, Rachel Robichaux, McNeely Rome, Farrell Trahan, Tom Watkins, and Kyle Williams.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from March 18, 2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Mayor's Report:

Building Permits: Chairman McNeely Rome from the Board of Adjustments advised that they recommend approving Harvey Gulf Offshore's new metal warehouse variance request. A motion to accept the Board of Adjustment's recommendation, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the Project Status Report:

- North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades-Work in progress and the deadline to complete is 5/31/2024.
- Sewer Phase VII LCDBG (Terrebonne & Delgrandile)-Advertising began on 1/30/2024 and bids were opened on 3/5/2024. We received LCDCG approval and are awaiting signed construction contracts.
- Mitigation Project (Seawall)-GOHSEP approved it, working on overturning FEMA's rejection or finding another funding source.
- Infrastructure Grant applications (FMA)-GIS is working on the next step.
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund (Sewer Phase VIII (8)) (Cheramie)-Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau is getting together the servitude agreements.
- Capital Outlay-Replacement of Sewer Lift Station behind Williams Road-Planning and Construction; we received word from FP&C for approval to advertise today. A motion to begin advertising, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call

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vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- Capital Outlay-Armand/Alcide Area Drainage-Planning and Construction; Town Engineer Plaisance put together a plan which will cost a lot more than we have, so he wants to have a meeting with the Mayor and Council Member Billiot to discuss an alternate plan.
- 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.
- Chlorine Contact Chamber at the South Plant will need to be replaced. GIS has issued a request for quotes and they were due on 3/21/2024. Town Engineer Plaisance advised they received one bid and it was much higher than expected, so he is exploring other avenues and is looking to get a quote from STAT.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry and Martin Perkins)-Condemnation Hearing was on 3/4/2024, where Council gave additional time for repairs, with an update on 4/15/2024. SCPDC Building Inspector Joseph Cehan stated there seems to be more damage. Town Attorney Jarreau will get with Attorney Craig Stewart before the next meeting.
- Town Attorney Jarreau discussed the possibility of Tamplain Lane being turned back over to the Town with the Mayor and Council. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that they are getting costs for the map to see if the citizens are willing to pay for them.
- Town Attorney Jarreau advised that the 2 committee meetings to discuss the TOGM Policies and Procedures and to discuss the Police Officer benefits will be on Friday 4/5/2024.
- Town Attorney Jarreau presented a demolition bid packet that they are still modifying and for the Council to look over and give feedback on.

Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Update on Speed Humps-Cheramie Lane is complete and they are doing more assessments this week. Chief Dufrene is still waiting on the reports.
- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised the dash cameras are on order and expected in May. He has gotten with Expert Technology because they will need to be on the zoom meeting to make sure they get installed correctly and the licensed contractor for the state is Dana Safety and Supply, who is already one of our vendors.
- LPSO to put speed reader on North Bayou Drive-Chief Dufrene advised that we are still waiting on an available reader, but it doesn't look like it will ever happen.
- Police Employee Benefits-Town Attorney Jarreau advised in her report that they are meeting Friday.
- Council Member Plaisance asked the Chief if a report was filed for broken windows and keyed vehicles down Alario Lane. Chef Dufrene said a report was filed and he will see if the church has cameras that he can view to see anything.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- Project 673219-Pump Station Building-tank installation to take place in April.
- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of February 2025:
 - Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle and Flood Gate at Park-bids received:

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- Picciola Construction-(flood gate at park) \$7,980.00
- Picciola Construction-(pump behind Little Eagle) \$13,200.00
- Powerhouse Construction-(flood gate at park) \$4,600.00
- Powerhouse Construction-(pump behind Little Eagle) \$6,380.00
- Project 673198 (2408)-Big Electrical Box at Pump Station-bids received:
 - Picciola Construction-\$17,900.00
 - Powerhouse Construction-\$9,140.00
- Project 673187 (2454)-Street and Caution Signs-bids received:
 - Picciola Construction-\$87,900.00
 - Powerhouse Construction-\$42,552.00
- Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants
- Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies
- Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed-bids received:
 - Picciola Construction-\$57,600.00
 - Powerhouse Construction-\$41,900.00
- Project 724904-Christmas Lights Inventory-order was placed for replacements
- Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat

A motion to accept Powerhouse Construction's bids for Projects 673191, 673198, 673187, and 724905, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal-bids received:
 - SBL Construction-\$95,200.00

A motion to accept SBL Construction's bid for Project 663139, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request. Asbestos testing was done on 3/12/2024 and still awaiting results.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (combined into one project for possible alternate project)-50% rule request. Pending Initial Development. Asbestos testing was done on 3/12/2024 and still awaiting results.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we are submitting invoices as they are complete for the Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant and the deadline is 6/30/2024.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that the Parish will request bids in the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2024 to repair the asphalt on Ridgewood Boulevard, Doucet Drive, and Norman Street.

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

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that 28,000 gallons of solids were removed from the South Sewer Plant by Joe's Septic Contractors. A motion to remove this 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: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that Mandatory Fuel Management took a sample from the fuel tanks to see what is causing the sludge, so hopefully we will have a report by the next meeting.

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

- BC 1023-135 Pierce St.-Charles and Christina Battles. For Charles-Issued a Condemnation Order on 1/2/2024 with a deadline of 2/8/2024. For Christina-Issued a Condemnation Order on 2/5/2024 to Ad Hoc Attorney with a deadline of 3/15/2024. Condemnation Order issued and demolition bids due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1026-2216 South Bayou Drive-Francis Plaisance (Plaisance Dragline & Dredging)-Demolition bid was awarded on 12/4/2023 with next update due 4/1/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan advised that demolition is complete, but there is still building material on site. Town Attorney Jarreau will mail a letter to the property owner to clean up the debris.
- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-Demolition bid was awarded on 2/5/2024 with the next update due on 3/18/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that Council Member Plaisance went to the site and the Rebstocks are working on the back building and planning to either lease or purchase it. Town Attorney Jarreau asked that this be deferred to 4/15/2024 to get more information.
- BC 1030-127 Tamplain Lane-Allen and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation hearing scheduled for 4/15/2024.
- BC 1031-South Bayou Drive (corner of Chouest Lane and LA 1)-Christine Ford and Perry Perrin (Total Wireline Services)-On 3/4/2024-property was deemed no longer condemnable, so SCPDC recommends removing it from the agenda. A motion to remove BC 1031 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: Toups; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Genevieve Dantin/Corine Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Hearing 2/5/2024 with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1037-170 Pierce Street-Joycelyn Callais-Demolition bid was awarded on 2/5/2024. On 3/18/2024, the Council voted to move forward with the demolition. A notice of demolition needs to be issued to the owner.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-on hold as per town attorneys who are speaking with their attorney. Town Attorney Autin to provide update by 4/15/2024.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1042-106 Alario Lane-Alan and Evelyn France-On 2/20/2024, the Council requested to go out for bids due on 4/1/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that the structure is torn down and

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no debris remains. A motion to remove BC 1042 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled for 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with an update on 4/1/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. A motion to request demolition bids for BC 1046 due on 5/6/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais. Marc Charpentier stated they are in the process of moving the structure to Galliano.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled for 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with next update due 4/15/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-The 2/20/2024 condemnation hearing was rescheduled to 4/15/2024 due to not getting proper service and having to appoint an Ad Hoc Attorney.
- BC 1056-2614 B South Alex Plaisance Drive-Frank and Buffy Boura-Condemnation hearing scheduled for 4/15/2024. Mayor Bouziga advised that the structure is torn down and the debris was removed, except for a frame that the owner is going to reuse. A motion to remove BC 1056 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.
- BC 1058-South Bayou Drive-Lafourche Sports Complex (Anthony Toups-Deceased) Condemnation hearing to be determined. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that the address for the other owner is non-residential, so they can't be served. Chief Dufrene stated he called the number on the For Sale sign on the property and they stated they have gone through with the succession and Rebecca Toups now has full ownership of the company. Council Member Toups stated that they brought the succession paperwork to him last week, but Town Attorney Jarreau doesn't see that it is complete. She does see a mortgage that Lafourche Sports complex signed last year with South Lafourche Bank. She recommends appointing an Ad Hoc Attorney so they can try to make service on the new owner. A motion to appoint an Ad hoc Attorney for BC 1058, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

New Business

A motion to approve a Proclamation to proclaim the month of April as Fair Housing Month, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

A motion to approve modifications to the Sexual Harassment Policy to provide that the town will prepare the mandatory annual report, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member

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Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

South Central Planning and Development Commission's (SCPDC) Tom Watkins presented the new Condemnation Hearings scheduled for 4/1/2024:

- BC 1062-132 Pierce St.-Leo Lopez-SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that there haven't been any changes since the previous inspection, so they recommend moving forward with the condemnation. Town Attorney Jarreau advised that Mr. Lopez spoke with Town Attorney Autin and it should be completely demolished by the end of April. A motion to issue a 30 day condemnation order, with a deadline of 5/6/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Plaisance, Toups, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: Cheramie, Latiolais.

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

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Buffy Charpentier invited everyone to the 108th Annual Blessing of the Boats on Saturday, 4/6/2024 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church.

Lafourche Parish Council Member Daniel Lorraine advised that the Parish Council passed 3 resolutions on 3/26/2024:

- A resolution accepting a donation from the Melancon family in the amount of \$25,000.00 to assist with the cost associated with the construction of a fitness court in Golden Meadow.
- A resolution naming the Leeville Pier the "John Boudreaux Pier".
- A resolution naming the Leeville Boat Launch the "Theogene Melancon Boat Launch".

Kyle Williams asked Chief Dufrene and Council Member Toups if they researched the speed readers he sent them a couple of months ago. Chief Dufrene advised he researched them, but they would have to be written into the budget.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:01 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**