

TOWN OF GOLDEN MEADOW REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 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, June 3, 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 Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

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

Town of Golden Meadow Council Members Absent: NONE.

Others attending were: Brandy Alonzo, Ben Autin, Stephanie Bollinger, Joseph Cehan, Marc Charpentier, Tracee Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Walter Guidry, Tammy Hartley, Jeray Jarreau, Michelle Lafont, Uriah Lasseigne, Amanda Lasserre, Daniel Lorraine, Paul Pechon, Janet Rhodus, Rachel Robichaux, Jeremiah St. Pierre, Craig Stewart, and Tom Watkins.

A motion to approve the town's public hearing minutes from 5/20/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to approve the town's regular meeting minutes from 5/20/2024, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor's Report:

Paul Pechon and Amanda Lasserre from Bourgeois and Bennett Certified Public Accountants presented the 2023 Final Audit Report for The Town of Golden Meadow, with no findings or exceptions for the 2023 year. A motion to accept the 2023 Financial Audit, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Latiolais. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga advised that about 40 feet of generator wires were stolen from the Pump Station and that Chief Troy Dufrene is reviewing the cameras.

Mayor Bouziga also advised that a new plant was stolen by the Welcome Sign on the north side of the Corporation.

Building Permits: NONE

Occupational Licenses: NONE

Mayor Bouziga advised that Town Engineer John Plaisance could not make the meeting. The North Sewer Treatment Plant Upgrades are still a work in progress and the deadline to complete was 5/31/2024. Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier advised that Town Engineer Plaisance advised they will need additional days to complete due to rain delays and it should be finished before 6/17/2024.

Due to the absence of Town Engineer Plaisance, a motion to defer Project Status Report-Items 2 through 9 to the 6/17/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau presented the Attorney's Report:

- 1504 S. Bayou Dr. (Walter Guidry Jr. and Martin Perkins)-Condemnation Order issued for Owner to repair or demolish the property by 6/3/2024. SCPDC's Building Inspector Joseph Cehan stated that he had a walk through with Mr. Guidry on 5/28/2024 and based off of that and the engineering report he provided, they have made numerous improvements throughout the entire building, but there are 3 items that need to be finished before it can be identified as no longer condemnable. A motion to give Mr. Guidry 30 days, with an update at the 7/1/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Town Attorney Jarreau discussed the possibility of Tamplain Lane being turned back over to the Town with the Mayor and Council. ROW Documents have been drafted and waiting on GIS for plat and property description. Town Attorney Jarreau stated that all of the property owners are not willing to pay for GIS to complete the surveys. She advised the property owner that they have been speaking with, that she would advise the Council to remove this from the agenda and that it can be added back later. She advised it could be put as a condition for someone that buys that property-that they would be responsible for paying for their portion of the surveying. A motion to remove Tamplain Lane being turned back over to the Town 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: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- A motion to approve the Ordinance to rename Circle G near Ridgewood Blvd to Avenue Vu, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais; NAYS: Billiot; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- 1009 North Bayou Drive-On 5/20/2024, the Council requested SCPDC to inspect the home and contact DFS. Ms. Brandy Alonzo the homeowner is present. She advised that her children are staying with family. Ms. Alonzo has the permit and inspection report and Restore Louisiana is providing an award grant to get her house fixed. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan's Inspection report recommends that the dwelling be condemned as it is a harbor for pests, is in danger of possible further collapse, and the electrical inspection failed for multiple electrical inspections. Town Attorney Jarreau recommends that we set a Condemnation Hearing for 7/1/2024 so we

can properly notice Ms. Alonzo and have Restore Louisiana fix her property up to code faster. A motion to accept the Attorney's recommendation, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. A motion to have Ms. Alonzo board up any open windows or doors within 1 week, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Plaisance. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Police Chief Troy Dufrene presented the Police Business:

- Police Department Equipment-Chief Dufrene advised that the dash cameras are expected to be installed on 6/18/2024 in all of the police vehicles.

Old Business

Hurricane Ida Repairs:

- The following projects have been obligated and received funding with a work completion deadline of June/July 2024:
 - Project 673191 (2371)-Pump behind Little Eagle and Flood Gate at Park
 - Project 673198 (2408)-Big Electrical Box at Pump Station.
 - Project 673187 (2454)-Street and Caution Signs
 - Project 724905 (2520)-Pump Station Equipment Shed
 - Project 673210 (2472)-Town Hall and Fuel Canopies
 - Project 715033-Le Petit Caporal Boat
 - Project 663139-Drainage Canal Debris Removal
- Project 679655 (2523)-Lift Stations and Sewer Plants-Bid awarded to Powerhouse in the amount of \$91,060.00 with work to be completed within 60 days of contract date. A motion to rescind the award of the Williams Rd Lift Station work to Picciola due to Picciola's bidding on the project as a whole, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE. A motion to award the Williams Rd Lift Station work to Powerhouse in the amount of \$13,550.00, as presented, was made by Council Member Plaisance; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- Project 706063-Senior Citizens Craft Building-50% rule request; asbestos found; awaiting FEMA project development.
- Project 731342-Swimming Pool, Swimming Pool Pump Building, Swimming Pool Bath House Building (combined into one project for possible alternate project)-5/28/2024-moving forward in the FEMA system.

Mayor Bouziga advised the Council that we received \$11,042.76, so \$195,345.07 is remaining of the \$205,407.00 for the Lafourche Parish Hurricane Ida Recovery Grant. 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 that SBL Construction began cutting the trees behind the DMV this past weekend.

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

- BC 1029-Corner of South Bayou Drive-AMC Liftboats-On 5/20/2024, previous demolition bid was rescinded due to it being for the whole building instead of just the front part. The Council requested to send out for demolition bids for the front of the building, which are due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1030-127 Tamplain Lane-Alan and Polly Cheramie-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan advised that work is continuing on the house. A motion to give them 30 days, with an update at the 7/1/2024 meeting, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1032-118 Cliff Lane-Land-Glo, LLC (Charles Michael Callais, agent)-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days. The property has been sold to Lafourche Parish Government. A motion to mail the Lafourche Parish Government a certified letter explaining the condemnation process that has been going on with SCPDC from SCPDC, as presented, was made by Council Member Billiot; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.
- BC 1033-2303 North Bayou Drive-Corinne Berthelot-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1036-129 Summers Street-Warren and Robbi Michel-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1038-1841 South Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Thomassie Commercial Properties (Faith Filce, Agent)-Condemnation Hearing Notice scheduled for 6/17/2024. Mr. Thomassie's Attorney Fred Fondren is present via Zoom to give an update. They have done a little work and his contractor John Picciola has ordered most of the materials and supplies needed to begin a rehab of the property and will be starting on it soon. Mayor Bouziga asked him to keep us updated. SCPDC will inspect the property on 6/17/2024 around 2:30 PM so Mr. Fondren will try to have either Mr. Thomassie or Mr. Picciola or both of them come to the inspection.
- BC 1040-113 North Bayou Drive-Brian Eymard- Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1041-137 Washington Street-Wilbert Collins Jr.-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1044-130 Malgum Lane-Sean and Emily Bernard-Condemnation Order was issued on 4/15/2024 and demolition are bids due on 6/3/2024. Demolition Bids Received:

- BM Construction-\$5,136.00
- Castin's Construction Company-\$4,430.00

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

- BC 1046-904 North Alex Plaisance Boulevard-Jeremiah St. Pierre-Condemnation order issued. On 5/6/2024, the demolition bid was awarded to Harris Construction of LA, LLC for \$2,500.00- awaiting contract execution and notice to owner. Mr. St. Pierre appeared at the 5/20/2024 meeting and advised that the building was being moved, so Council gave 30 days to have it moved. Mr. St. Pierre is present tonight and advised that the organization he donated it to left debris trash on the side of the road. Ms. Janet Rhodus, who was taking the building, stated that their contractor advised them that the building was in too bad of a condition to be moved. Ms. Rhodus and her crew dismantled the building, cleaned up the lot and put the trash in bags on the side of the road. Council Member Cheramie stated that Republic may pick up the trash or they may not. Council Member Billiot advised Mr. St. Pierre that if Republic doesn't pick it up, that he would be responsible to pick it up.
- BC 1048-166 Jefferson Street-Kajun M Investments (Agent-Angie Matherne)-Condemnation Order issued 5/20/2024 and Council requested to send out for demolition bids, which are due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1050-160 Jefferson Street-Rosalus and Edith Rebstock-Condemnation Order issued for 30 days with the next update due 6/17/2024.
- BC 1051-155 Jefferson Street-Charles Collier-Condemnation Order issued 5/20/2024 and Council requested to send out for demolition bids, which are due 6/17/2024. Council Member Toups stated that the grass is so tall there and Town Clerk Cloutier advised that we are going through the process to get the grass cut.
- BC 1058-South Bayou Drive-Lafourche Sports Complex-6/3/2024 Condemnation Hearing-SCPDC's Building Inspector Cehan and Mr. Watkins advised that the building is demolished and the debris is removed. A motion to remove BC 1058 from the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais, seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

New Business

A motion to authorize Mayor Bouziga to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lafourche Parish Government for parish transportation, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

A motion to authorize an additional \$50,000.00 towards the SCPDC Condemnation Process and take the money from the Sales Tax Fund, as presented, was made by Council Member Latiolais; seconded by Council Member Toups. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Plaisance, Toups, Latiolais, Billiot. NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

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

A motion to add Mr. Lincoln Martin Jr.-115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane complaint to the agenda, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

On 6/3/2024, the Town Hall received a complaint about the junk and rotten wood at Mr. Lincoln Martin Jr.'s property (115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane) from his neighbor. His neighbor stated that he halfway fixed his house and now hurricane season is upon us. A motion to send Mr. Lincoln Martin Jr. a letter to clean up his property and secure any debris, as presented, was made by Council Member Cheramie; seconded by Council Member Billiot. A roll call vote took place as follows: YEAS: Cheramie, Toups, Plaisance, Latiolais, Billiot; NAYS: NONE; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: NONE.

Mayor Bouziga asked for audience comments.

Ms. Janet Rhodus of Pawsitive Enforcement Project presented Mayor Bouziga with a 2024 LA Boulettes & Balloons Festival Poster and thanked him and the Council for use of the park.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:18 PM, as presented, was made by Council Member Toups; seconded by Council Member Cheramie. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

RACHEL ROBICHAUX
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK