

July 17, 2017

Town of Golden Meadow
107 Jervis Drive
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 7:00 P.M., at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga
Councilman Ashton Cheramie
Councilman Laci Latiolais
Councilman Lindberg Lorraine
Councilman Willis Touts

Those absent were: Councilman Jody Cheramie and Chief Reggie Pitre

Others attending were Bryce Autin, Mike Billiot, Buffy Boura, Frank, Boura, Douglas Cheramie, Ernest Cheramie, Asst. Chief of Police Charles Findley, Salvador Gonzalez, Jr., Mary Griffin, Ordoyne Griffin, Linda Guidry, Morris Guidry, Morris Hunter, Jr., Al Kibodaux, Bernice Kibodaux, Jimmy Lafont, William, Lerille, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, and John Plaisance.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Willis Touts led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. John Plaisance led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Willis Touts seconded approving the minutes from the Council meeting held on July 5, 2017. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the building permit applications as follows:

- Morris Hunter, Jr. – 101 Summers Street submitted a building permit application to place a mobile home 14' X 76' requiring a rear yard variance from 20' to 10'. Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this permit be turned over to the Board of Adjustments for review. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Scott Parker – 1504 South Bayou Drive requested a hardship permit to place a recreational vehicle on his property while he repairs the brick building. The Town Clerk informed the Mayor and Council Mr. Parker never submitted a building permit to J. Wayne Plaisance, Inc. and there are outstanding property taxes and clean-up invoices for this property. After a brief discussion, Councilman Willis Touts presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded denying Mr. Scott Parker's request. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- William Goode – property at the corner of Texas Road and South Alex Plaisance Blvd. has passed the clean-up deadline and Mayor Joey Bouziga is acquiring quotes to cut and clean the property.
- Wynn E. & John G Clark – property near Little Eagle's clean-up is being monitored.
- Ronald Malone – 123 Anatole Lane was re-sent a clean-up letter. The front of the property was cut.
- Heath Demere – 116 Touts Lane has started to be cut and cleaned.

- Victor Boudreaux – 138 Pelican Lane has passed the clean-up deadline and Mayor Joey Bouziga is acquiring quotes to cut and clean the property.
- Allison Rankin – 162 Washington Street has been cut and cleaned. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this property be removed from the clean-up list. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Todd Martin – 158 Washington Street has been cut and cleaned. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving this property be removed from the clean-up list. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Ramsden Griffin – 156 Callais Lane is in the process of being cut and cleaned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga presented the dangerous building report as follows:

- Edison Lee – 154 Delgrandile was granted an extension until August 1, 2017.
- Emile Guidry – 196 and 200 Pierce Street was granted an extension until August 1, 2017. The dangerous buildings have been demolished and the property is in the process of being cleaned.

Town Engineer John Plaisance presented the project report as follows:

- Sewer Phase IV – pre-construction meeting on Thursday.
- Sewer Phase V – pre-construction meeting on Thursday.
- Sewer Phase VI – beginning the right-of-way process.
- Sewer Phase VII – submitted an application for funding
- Seawall Phase III – Attorney Autin has drafted a letter to send to Mr. Roosevelt Crosby regarding problems at the dry dock.
- 2014/15 Community Water Enrichment Grant – bids for construction will be accepted next week.
- 2016/17 Community Water Enrichment Grant – waiting for funding to be approved by the State.

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- 2017/18 LGAP – waiting for funding to be approved by the State.
- Town Hall Turn Around – bids for construction will be accepted next week.
- Seawall Phase IV – application has been submitted for funding.
- Soccer Field – Several representatives from the Golden Meadow Rotary Club attended the meeting due to a letter they received from the Town's Attorney as discussed at the last meeting. The letter discussed concerns the Mayor and Council had with the project. Mrs. Linda Guidry informed the Mayor she was now elected as President of the Golden Meadow Rotary and of two weeks ago and she should be the person contacted from this point forward to discuss the project. Mrs. Guidry stated the contractor will continue to work on the project as weather permits and some of the issues with the project is due to weather conditions.

Attorney Bryce Autin presented the legal report as follows:

- Tammy Kibodaux – 114 Meadow Lane. Mayor Joey Bouziga was approved the acquire quotes to demolish the dangerous building at the last meeting. Ms. Tammy Kibodaux was sent a letter to appear at a condemnation hearing at the last meeting and was dis not attend. Mr. Al Kibodaux did appear and informed the Mayor, Attorney, and Council he gave all the assets to Ms. Kibodaux when they went to divorce court. Mr. Kibodaux said he didn't care what the Town did with the house since he no longer owned the house. Attorney Autin explained to

Mr. Al Kibodaux there was no paperwork documenting the settlement of property and if he did has some he should turn it in. A brief discussion took place.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving agenda item Direct Deposit be deferred until the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented the motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded approving the 1st quarter finance report. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested the Council decide ow many days the Council will allow the recreational vehicle to remain on property owned by Kirk Cheramie. Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the Attorney send the owner of the recreational vehicle a letter informing them they have 15 days to move out the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga informed the Council he discussed with Mr. Kevin Bellanger the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with South Central Planning Development regarding the proposed monthly fees paid for building permits and dangerous building inspections. Mayor Joey informed the Council Mr. Kevin Bellanger did agree the Town delaying the monthly fee until the next budget year. Mayor Joey Bouziga also discussed amending the dangerous building ordinance to state all inspection fees would be the responsibility of the property owner.

Asst. Chief Charles Findley informed the Mayor and Council he does have a suspect in the cemetery damage, but he needs to review so video footage from the complaint that was received a few days prior to the incident. The Mayor and Council asked Asst. Charles Findley to review the video as soon as possible and Asst. Charles Findley informed the Mayor and Council he had no access to the video system, only the Chief Reggie Pitre and Sgt. Fonseca have access to the Watch Guard System. Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded authorizing Asst. Chief Charles Findley meet with Expert Technologies to gain access to the Watch Guard System in order to proceed with the cemetery damage investigation. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Willis Toups sated he is in the process of sending a "Thank You" letter to the Lafourche Parish Fire District for their assistance in repairing the cemetery.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Lindberg Lorraine seconded approving the 2nd quarter finance report be deferred to the next meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested audience comments.

Mr. Ordoyne Griffin addressed the Council regarding a right to passage at 222 Jefferson Street. Mr. Griffin and Mr. Ernest Cheramie have an ongoing issue with a right of way passage to get to Mr. Griffins house. Mayor Joey Bouziga informed Mr. Griffin he would have Attorney Bryce Autin research the matter to see it the Town has any right of way or any information on a private street for the extension of Jefferson Street. If the Town does not have any rights to the street then this matter becomes a civil matter. Attorney Bryce Autin did inform both Mr. Cheramie and Mr. Griffin there is a law providing for a right to passage so that would guarantee Mr. Griffin the use of passage. Asst. Charles Findley stated the Griffin's are allowed to pass until there is a solution to the matter.

Mr. Jimmy Lafont informed the Mayor and Council he is a candidate for the Greater Lafourche Port Commission Seat C to replace Commissioner Wilbert Collins. Mr. Lafont also asked for continued prayers for Mr. Collins family. Mayor Joey Bouziga wished Mr. Lafont the best of luck.

Mr. Morris Hunter thanked the Council for their service and the Town Foreman Salvador Gonzalez for the quick response to repair a drainage problem during a recent rain event. Mr. Hunter also informed the Mayor and Council of services their church offers including a food bank. Mr. Hunter invited the Mayor, Council, Police, and Town Clerk to their prayer breakfast held every seconded Thursday of the month at 8:30 A.M.

Mr. Williams Lerille presented his concerns with the way a vehicle is towed during a traffic stop to the Asst. Chief of Police, Mayor and Council. A brief discussion took place.

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Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine informed the Mayor and Council of an area of concern on LA 1 near the residence of the Brown family. Mayor Joey Bouziga stated an email would be sent to the Department of Transportation and Development.

Mayor Joey Bouziga thanked Mr. Mike Billiot for bringing his business to the Town of Golden Meadow.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Ashton Cheramie seconded adjourning this meeting at 8:14 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA

ATTESTED:

**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO THE MAYOR**