

August 15, 2011

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, August 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga  
Councilman David Adams  
Councilman Mike Billiot  
Councilman Frank Boura  
Councilman Jody Cheramie  
Councilman Priscilla Mounic

Those absent were: None

Others attending were Tim Callais, Kenneth Cheramie, Chief Randy Chiasson, Lloyd Ledet, Rodney Ledet, Jamie Liner, Daniel Lorraine, Joseph Mickles, John Plaisance, and McNeely Rome, Jr.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving the minutes from the August 1, 2011 Town meeting, Public Hearing, and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Chief Randy Chiasson presented the July stats for the Police Department.

Chief Randy Chiasson presented quotes for a cell phone to be used by police officers while on duty and also for internet cards to be used in laptops in patrol cars. Chief Chiasson informed the Mayor and Council the internet cards were necessary to make use of the Lafourche Parish LED program. Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded approving the purchase of one cell phone to be used by police officers while on duty. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving the purchase of four internet cards to be used by officers. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Mayor Bouziga informed the Council a camera was purchased to place in the intoxilizer office.

Councilman David Adams requested Chief Chiasson present a report on the calendar sales. Chief Chiasson informed the Mayor and Council when the salesman left the office the Police Department share of the calendar sales was \$3,500.00, but should increase to \$6,000.00 by the time all the funds are received. Councilman Adams stated he was very disappointed by the way in which Mr. Anders represented himself while collecting donations for the Police Department. Councilman Adams stated if a fund raiser ever takes place again more discussion regarding the collection methods should take place.

Mayor Bouziga presented a building permit application for Frank's Supermarket requiring a zoning change from an R-1 to a C-1 zone. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Joseph Mickles informed the Mayor and Council upon review of the required zoning change the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved the zoning change. Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving Frank's Supermarket property located on South Alex Plaisance Blvd. be granted a zoning change from a R-1 to a C-1 zone allowing for the construction of a grocery store. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

No occupational licenses were submitted.

Town Engineer John Plaisance continues to work on Kevin and Sabrina Cheramie's property subdivision.

Mayor Bouziga presented the clean-up report as follows:

- Kathy Spears property located off South Bayou Drive has begun to be cut. A report will be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Kirby Collins property located at 122 Cochennic Lane has received a complaint regarding the tall grass and abandoned swimming pool. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a clean-up letter be sent to have the yard cut and cleaned and the swimming pool emptied or removed. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Eno Hunter property located off Washington Street has received a tall grass complaint. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a letter be sent to have the yard cut and cleaned. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.
- Martha Daigle property located off South Bayou Drive has received a tall grass complaint. Councilman David Adams presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a letter be sent to have the grass cut and cleaned. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded authorizing Mayor Bouziga to sign an engagement letter with Bourgeois Bennett for the creating of a quarterly report required by the USDA. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the Town has received a request by both the USDA and GOSEP requiring the Mayor and Council consider the need of personnel with technical expertise and knowledge to prepare financial statements and all disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded approving a discussion take place regarding the request. After a brief discussion Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Frank Boura seconded agreeing having personnel on staff with expertise and knowledge to prepare financial statements and all disclosures in

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accordance with generally accepted accounting principles would not be feasible for the Town. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council, Attorney Mitchell Theriot sent a dangerous building and swimming pool letter to Lincoln Martin located at 115 Mrs. Thomas Pitre Lane on August 8, 2011.

Mayor Bouziga presented pictures of the progress in repairs of the Petit Caporal. The repairs should be complete in about a month.

Councilman Frank Boura presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving Mayor Bouziga sign a proclamation for the 224<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga called upon Town Engineer John Plaisance to update the Council regarding projects underway.

Engineer Plaisance stated Sewer Phase III plans are complete and have been submitted to CDBG for review. We are preparing to begin seeking right-of-ways for Sewer Phase III. Sewer Phase IV plans are being prepared.

Town Clerk Jamie Liner informed the Mayor and Council engineer qualifications were ranked today for Sewer Phase V application. Two engineers firms tied in the ranking process and will need to be interviewed by Mayor Bouziga before the selection can take place.

Engineer Plaisance stated the geotechnical survey for Seawall Phase II should begin on Thursday. And the designs should be ready in September.

Town Clerk Jamie Liner informed the Mayor and Council Seawall Phase III has been submitted and is awaiting final approval.

Engineer Plaisance stated the new waterline project in Oakridge Park should begin within the next few weeks.

Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman David Adams seconded approving the regular meeting scheduled on September 5, 2011 be rescheduled on Monday, September 12, 2011. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga presented the second quarter financial reports.

Mayor Bouziga briefly discussed a request to place a recycle bin at the Golden Meadow schools. Mayor Bouziga has been in contact with Jerome Danos in charge of solid waste for Lafourche Parish.

Mayor Bouziga requested audience comments.

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Lafourche Parish Councilman Daniel Lorraine briefly discussed the Street Resurfacing Projects Phase I and Phase II. Councilman Lorraine informed the Mayor and Council Street Resurfacing Phase III should begin at the end of this year or early next year. Mayor Bouziga added Jervis Drive would be included in Phase III and would be surfaced in cement rather than blacktop. Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a Thank You letter be sent to the Lafourche Parish Government for completing Phase I and Phase II and beginning Phase III of the Street Resurfacing Project in such a timely manner . The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Parish Councilman Lorraine informed the Council he requested adding \$20,000.00 as requested by Mayor Bouziga to the Lafourche Parish Government's 2012 budget to have repairs and replacement of several of the rest areas in Oakridge Park.

Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented an American Flag donated by the Veterans. Councilman Priscilla Mounic presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded approving a Thank You letter be sent to the Veterans. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga requested adding employees and the Alario Bridge to the agenda. No audience objections were presented. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Mike Billiot seconded approving Mayor Bouziga add employees and the Alario Bridge to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council David Rushing is out of work due to medical leave and will be out of work for about six to eight weeks. The new grass cutter employee has been incarcerated leaving the Town short of employees. Mr. Joseph Mickles has begun working part time and Lafourche Parish Work Release Program will send a new employee tomorrow to help until David returns to work.

Mayor Bouziga informed the Council the Alario Bridge opening will be delayed about a month due to change orders necessary to redesign the handrails.

With no further business to discuss Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Priscilla Mounic seconded adjourning this meeting at 7:44 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**JAMIE LINER, TOWN CLERK**

