

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28, 2024
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Camardelle who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Leonard Ray followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – James Cheramie, Harley Stelly, Loren Gonzalez, Brian Barthelemy, Michael Scioneaux

ABSENT: Council Member – None

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Loren Gonzalez and unanimously approve to accept the minutes of August 14, 2024 regular scheduled town meeting as written.

Police Chief Christopher Hernandez with Grand Isle Police Dept. was recognized and reports on the following for August 9, 2024 to August 22, 2024: Total callouts 100, medicals 11, total arrest & total summons 9, total citations 29, total violations 34, total golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$6,773.65, tags sold \$5,925.00.

Jimbo Adams with GIFD was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Brush fire in between Pine Lane and Birch Lane. 2.) Fire hydrant on LA 1 & Elm Ln needs replacing. JP contacted the contractor to repair. 3.) Council Member James Cheramie asked if the GIFD received their check book back from JP.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **FEMA Updates** – 2021 Hurricane Ida still in progress. **Cheniere Fishing Pier** – Approximately 160 ft to complete job. **Old Jail Bunkhouse** – Contract awarded to Vella Builders. Contract amount \$155,885.00. NTP August 14, 2024. **TOGI Pump Station Rehab** - Sea Level Construction. Project is currently in the 45 day clear lien. **Multiplex Building** – Picciola Construction contract amount \$621,784.00. **Jackson Lane Pump Station** – Completing design for pump station. Permits are under review. **Orange Ln Pump** – Bid opened 7/24/24. Sealevel base bid \$2,138,683.00. **PPDR** – 28 total homes have been submitted. Estimated cost \$1.01 Million. Working with property owner on ROE for 118 Olive Lane. **Other Business** – Dredge is complete for beach nourishment project.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Received grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 to purchase trees. October 10, 2024 will be a tree planting project. 2.) Bayou Community Foundation donated \$5,000.00 to purchase a lawn mower. 3.) Application for Oleander Hotel to be on National Registry was submitted.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) **Pier & Bulkhead repairs project - \$4.3 M.** 80% complete. Target completion end of September. 2.) **Oyster Farm No2 Expansion** – 27 acres- 16 leases. Permit application submittal to state. 3.) **Commercial Dock Pump Station** - \$40K Grant Finalizing engineering drawings. Submitted request for funding.

Joint motion was made to waive fees for Friends of Grand Isle to use the Multiplex for the Gumbo Cook off Saturday, October 19, 2024

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously approved the employee benefits for the following: Dustin Matherne.

Council Member James Cheramie request/reports: 1.) Question as to why the gas department is putting out more money than bringing in.

Council Member Loren Gozalez request/reports: 1.) Attended a GM town meeting and the sealed bids were open at town meeting. Should the town be doing the bid opening at council meetings? 2.) Cheniere ditches need to be cleaned/dug. 3.) Bay Lane street is crumbling. 4.) Is the contractor with the mosquito contract putting out larvicide? Can they go along the beach side and spray. 5.) October 5, 2024 will be hosting a Bonfire and Hayride at the GI State Park. It will start at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/reports: 1.) Has the ordinance been amended concerning the blighted homes that need to be addressed since Hurricane Ida? 2.) Reaching out to JP concerning the spraying of ditches with weed killer. 3.) Who do we contact for high grass on Exxon's property?

Mayor's Request/Reports: 1.) Submitted application for Capital Outlay Request. 2.) Working with Representative Troy Carter concerning affordable housing.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Administrative Assistant
Town of Grand Isle