

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT: Council Members – Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson, Jr., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary, Deputy Chief Linda Goldman

ABSENT: 0

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani and seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of February 9, 2021 town meeting as written.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to accept the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1003

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 954-A and Ordinance No. 989 regulating the types and operation of Golf Carts and UTV on the Grand Isle Beach.

WHEREAS, the Grand Isle beach is a major attraction for tourism on Grand Isle; and **WHEREAS**, access to the beach for families and beach goers is difficult due to the sandy condition of the beach and the distance to carry beach apparel in some areas of the beach is extremely far making it difficult to reach the areas for fishing and other activities; and **WHEREAS**, elderly and disabled people need a mechanism to give them access to the beach. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:

Golf carts and UTV's will be allowed on the Grand Isle Beach with the following conditions:

- 1.) The operator of the golf cart/UTV must be at least 16 years old and must have a valid drivers license. Insurance is recommended.
- 2.) The golf cart/UTV will carry only the allotted passengers that it is built for.
- 3.) Anyone who wishes to operate a golf cart/UTV on the Grand Isle beach must purchase beach access tag at a cost of \$75.00 per year, which tag can be purchased at the police station from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tag must be visible on golf cart/UTV on front driver's side. Tag expires on January 1 of each year.
- 4.) Riding is allowed on beach 30 minutes before sun rise and 30 minutes after sun down.
- 5.) Speed limit is 10 mph or less.
- 6.) Golf carts (electric or gas) / UTV only are allowed and not ATV or 4 wheelers.
- 7.) Must use one of the sixteen (16) marked crossings in order to cross levee and there is no crossing or driving on the levee allowed where no accesses are provided.
- 8.) No riding parallel to the beach shall be allowed in the "swash zone" and for fifty (50) feet north of the northern most point swash zone. People may take a horizontal path to the beach to drop off their materials, supplies, ice chests, tents, and other similar equipment. Anyone who is in violation shall be subject to a first offense fine of up to five hundred dollars and/or thirty days in jail plus mandatory court appearance.
- 9.) No pulling of rafts or body boards or any sport by golf carts/UTV. No pulling of trailer size larger than 6x8. Handicap persons will be exempt to ride on trailer at officer's discretion.

- 10.) Vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles have the right of way first.
- 11.) Tires on Golf Carts/UTV must not exceed 30 inches in size & must not have tractor grip style tires.
- 12.) The penalty for violating this ordinance is \$200.00 for a first offense, \$300.00 for a second offense and up to \$500.00 for a third offense, and/or thirty days in jail plus mandatory court appearance and will have permit revoked.

This ordinance was offered by Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson, Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Lan Tivet

ABSENT: 0

This ordinance was declared adopted this 23rd day of February 2021 and becomes effective on said date.

A hearing was held on the following proposed ordinance which will again be heard at the next regular meeting on March 9, 2021 at which time it will be eligible for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. ____

An ordinance setting the pay rates for Town Treasurer.

Deputy Chief Linda Goldman was recognized and gave the following police report for the period of February 5, 2021 thru February 18, 2021: Total call outs 57, total citations 12, Golf Cart/UTV Citations 1, Summons/Arrests 3, Arrests made by Grand Isle 1, medicals 6, burglary/theft 2, Traffic/Court Fines paid \$5,551.37. Digicourt is now operational.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (LCDBG-CV) funds for HVAC improvements to publicly owned community facilities. GIS has completed the cost estimate for this grant. GIS will submit the application once the public notice is completed. Public Hearing HVAC Grant Announcement: The Town of Grand Isle intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to upgrade the HVAC system in the Community Center. The Louisiana Office Community Development has allocated \$31M of CDBG funds for upgrades to HVAC and ventilation systems in publicly owned facilities to combat the spread of COVID-19. The Town plans to apply for a grant of approximately \$90,000 to upgrade HVAC at the Community Center to benefit recipients of services at the Community Center, particularly the Senior Center. The project will involve removal of the existing HVAC units and the replacement with a new HVAC system equipped with the latest technology for reducing concentrations of airborne pathogens. The project will comply with CDC (The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and ASHRAE (The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) recommendations for reducing the spread of airborne diseases. This project will benefit users of the Community Center by reducing the risk of spreading airborne pathogens such as the COVID 19 virus. Disruptions to services during construction will be minimized by coordinating construction activities to occur outside of operating hours as much as possible. TOGI has successfully accomplished renovations to the Multiplex using past CDBG grants. The purpose of this public hearing is to gather any comments members of the public may have. The Town will make the draft grant application available for review and comment. Comments may be submitted after the hearing to PO Box 200, Grand Isle, LA 70358. 2.) FEMA Updates 2020 Hurricane Season-TOGI and GIS are currently with GOHSEP on information from the 2020 Hurricane Season. Mayor Camardelle thanked Patricia Bellanger for getting all documents together. 3.) Fencing for Gas Department-GIS is tentatively schedule to send out RFQ. 4.) Beach Side Access for Golf Carts-GIS to get with TOGI on locations for golf carts access point. The following locations were given by TOGI to GIS for contractor proposal; Burnette Lane, Boudreaux Lane, Apple Lane, Coulon Rigaud Lane, Oak Lane- price \$21,840.00 for 5 crossovers. GIS recommends to use the same templet from the USACE and use some type of concrete matting for sand dune protection. GIS met with Low Land Construction to view

these areas, the price for the work would be \$11,260.00. 5.) Grand Isle & Vicinities Sand Dune Beach Nourishment Project (BA-210)- Vegetation Planting is tentatively schedule for end of February beginning of March, CPRA and USACE are currently in discuss on the damaged timber walkway near Bridge Side. USACE will come back to repair Geo tube after project is complete. Mayor Camardelle mentioned #4 Boudreaux Lane we should be getting an update within the next couple of weeks. 6.) Landy's Hole and Cypress Lane, GIS Engineering- Pump stations are ready for construction. GIS has received all permits from LADNR and USACE. 7.) Orange Lane, AIMS Engineering- AIMS has submitted 100% Preliminary design to Jefferson Parish on February 21, 2021. Submitted Coastal Use Permit on February 4, 2021. 8.) Chighizola Pump Station, Principal Engineering-Final stage of structural design and completion of specifications. Preparing the submission of the Coastal Use Permit.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to allocate \$50,000.00 from the BP Settlement to cover more golf cart/UTV crossovers. The following locations for golf cart/UTV access points were given by TOGI to GIS for contractor proposal; Burnette Lane, Boudreaux Lane, Apple Lane, Coulon Rigaud Lane, Oak Lane- Quote was \$21,840.00 for 5 crossovers.

Town Supervisor reports on the following projects: 1.) Jefferson Parish workers are still here working on drainage work. Town outside crew also working with the parish on drainage. 2.) Fence crew – ballpark tomorrow. 3.) Red clay in ballpark on Friday.

Ronnie Sampey with Garden Club was recognized and reports the following projects: 1.) Estimates for repairs on Gazebo's is \$3,445.78/gazebo. 2.) Crossover post for rope offs (60 post) Recommends using 6x6 fence post. 3.) Blue Boot will be furnishing missing post for life rings and the Garden Club will be replacing them at locations. 4.) Cott Lane basketball court, Jefferson Parish will be here next week to install new fountain/water.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by council Member Elgene Gary to allocate \$1,500.00 for the purchase of 6x6 fence post that the Garden Club will use for the roped off areas to the pedestrian crossovers.

Grand Isle Port Commission Director Weldon Danos was recognized and reports the following projects: 1.) Weeks Marine (Bayou Rigaud)-Bringing Submersible Piping in from the Gulf, Repair Work on Floating Piping in Bayou Rigaud behind La. Dried Shrimp Processing Facility, Navigation Markers in Place, Timing-several days. 2.) Bayou Rigaud Dredging- Occurrence of Shoaling in Bayou Rigaud from Barataria Pass through A-Port Area, Some Areas 5-7 Foot Depth, Silt Deposits from Hurricane Zeta, Difficulty with Vessel Navigation (St. Bentz), Federal Navigation Channel (last dredged 2010), Discussions with Key Stakeholders: USACE, MSRC, NOAA, A-PORT, Mayor, Pulling together a Dredging Funding Justification Strategy.

RESOLUTION NO. 2799

A resolution appointing the Town of Grand Isle Town Clerk **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:

The Mayor's nomination of Bonnie Pizani as the Town Clerk of the Town of Grand Isle is hereby appointed and confirmed.

This resolution was offered by the Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet.

Vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Kelly Besson, Jr., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: Melissa Pizani

ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared this 23rd day of February 2021.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary to table request to cut down trees at 185 Chighizola Lane.

MINUTES:

Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. request/report: 1.) Asked for an update on the drainage near Cox Energy. Mayor Camardelle informed it is moving forward. Approximately \$54,000.00 cost.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Asking for update on the valve installation near Bridge Side to control high tides. Wants to move quickly on that since the ditches were just dug. 2.) Would like to get with Shawn (DOTD) regarding Highway 1 drainage crossovers. Joseph with GIS informed there are approximately 27 crossovers. 3.) Very busy summer approaching and GIVES will be getting many emergency call outs. Requesting funds for a compact ambulance that can pass where we have golf cart/UTV crossovers. The air-conditioned compact ambulance cost is \$73,324.00.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet to allocate \$73,324.00 from the BP Settlement to purchase the Air-Conditioned Compact Ambulance.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Multiplex Center Sign- Cost of \$90,000, Jefferson Parish and Tarpon Rodeo Association will fund \$75,000. Asking council for \$15,000.00 from the BP Settlement for remaining balance. 2.) Thank you to the Grand Isle Police Department for marking light poles that need to be repaired. 3.) Representative Joe Orgeron & Representative Joe Bishop is working hard on our Capital Outlay Application for 2021-22. 4.) Neil Erwin, Attorney, is assisting changing ordinances for approval process for Planning, Subdivision or Residential. 5.) Recognized Doug Cheramie with Attorney General Jeff Landry. Mayor thanked him for everything.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to allocate \$15,000.00 from the BP Settlement for the \$15,000.00 for the Multiplex Center Sign.

Wanda Gary was recognized and gave the following update. Early Voting will be 3/8/21 and Election will be 3/20/21 for the Jefferson Parish water millage renewal.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet T. Scardino, Secretary
Town of Grand Isle