

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Temp Brian Barthelemy 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, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary, Chief Stephen “Scooter” Resweber  
**ABSENT:** Council Member Kelly Besson Jr.

Eddie Gillis appeared before the council to request the ditch in the back of 114 Fig Lane be dug because of standing water on the town servitude.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of July 28, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to accept the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1009**

**An ordinance adopting the Town of Grand Isle Operating Budget for FY beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:**

**The following line-item totals and fund balances are hereby adopted  
For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENDITUES</u>
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,767,570	\$ 4,116,366
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$762,600	\$678,750
UTILITY FUND	\$1,272,508	\$1,331,750

This ordinance was considered section by section and as a whole and was offered by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani.

**Roll Call Vote Thereon as follows:**

**YEAS:** Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary  
**NAYS:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0  
**ABSENT:** Kelly Besson, Jr.

**This ordinance was declared adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, and becomes effective on said date.**

Chief of Police Stephen “Scooter” Resweber was recognized and introduced Lieutenant Command Walter Theriot Jr. Lieutenant Theriot gave the following police report for the period of July 24 – August 6, 2021: Total call outs 126, total citations 21, golfcart/UTV citations 7, theft of goods 1, medicals 15, traffic/court fines paid \$4,123.20, golf cart/UTV tags sold \$11,175.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: **FEMA updates** 2020 hurricane season – Work in progress for Hurricane Zeta. **CPRA updates** – The breakwater analysis is 95% complete. Boudreaux Lane Crossover – CPRA coordination with USACE is repairing/recapping levee. Geotube damages will be repaired this fall. **Mayor & Council Request:** Update on Community Center repairs. Contractor waiting on material. Research for grants for water infrastructure and drainage improvements. Getting pricing on access ramps along beach. Start rendering for new tourism office and pavilion. Research and plan on repairs and maintaining the shoulders of Highway 1. **Orange Lane Pump Station** – Project is shovel ready. **Chighizola Pump Station** – Principal Engineering has completed with final review drawings. Jefferson Parish will review prior to finalizing.

Christopher Hernandez Town Supervisor was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Landry Pump Station up and running. 2.) Rome's Pump Station broken shaft. Portable 6-inch pump is in place. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously approved to hire contractor to weld and place the discharge pipe back in place in the amount of \$13,400.00.

Ronnie Sampey with Grand Isle Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Working on handicap two places signage. Council Member Lan Tivet suggested maybe putting the handicap at the emergency ramps. 2.) Magnolia Lane crossing is for pedestrian only. Need to place matt on that area.

Weldon Danos, Director of Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Ports Association Louisiana (PAL) represents 32 ports here in Louisiana. GIPC is presenting a resolution in support of Resuming Federal Offshore Leasing in the Gulf of Mexico. This resolution is being sent to President Biden and Congress. 2.) Handicap fishing pier has temporary lights installed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2807**

#### **A RESOLUTION WHICH SETS FORTH THE GENERAL ALIMONY, WATER AND GAS AUTHORIZED MILLAGE RATES IN THE TOWN OF GRAND ISLE FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following millages are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Town of Grand Isle:

#### MILLAGE

<b>General Alimony (5165 001):</b>	<b>7.350 mills</b>
<b>Water and Gas Systems (5165 002):</b>	<b>5.460 mills</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2021, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The resolution was jointly offered by the Town Council. The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: Kelly Besson, Jr.

Council Members agreed to have an arborist look over the requested tree removal on Aurora Lane to see if trimming the tree would work.

Council Member Melissa Pizani request/report: 1.) Asphalt on the corner of Ludwig Lane and LA Hwy One. 2.) Cemetery Lane Park needs a port-o-potty.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/report: 1.) Parking area at Cemetery Lane Park needs limestone. 2.) Grand Isle Improvement Committee will hold meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be September 14, 2021. Discussions on golf cart ordinance at last meeting were **A.)** 1<sup>st</sup> offense pull tag from vehicle. **B.)** Each golf cart/UTV have a speed detection system. **C.)** Every rental has a signed document stating that the customer is aware of rules. **D.)** Pull business license if the renters of golfcart/UTV continue not to follow the rules. **E.)** Remove on ordinance officer discretion handicap on trailer. **F.)** Bring golf cart/UTV in for inspection before permit is given.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Introduce John Soileau with suggestions on tires for golf carts/UTV. The golf cart/UTV should not be wider than 64 inches. Tire size should not be larger than 30 inches. Tire thread should not be deeper than 1 ¼ inch deep. Putting a camera system so they can look at the golf cart/UTV from the upstairs window. Proof of ownership for golfcart/UTV by registration or serial number. Tags should be all be in the same place. Raising fee on permit but keeping the \$75.00 fee for senior citizens. No jeep style off road vehicles. Raising fines on golf cart/UTV laws. 2.) Flashing light by cemetery in Chenier needs fixing. 3.) Reaching out to JPSS to assist with the upkeep cost for the baseball/softball fields. 4.) Jefferson Parish Health Unit – Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to get someone to give us an appraisal for the property and maybe put the money towards a tourism center. 5.) Grand Isle Fire Department should be receiving emergency vehicle in a couple of weeks.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: 1.) Forklift tires need replacing.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Spoke to Shawn Wilson with DOTD concerning the bike path on LA 1 from Castaway Lounge to bridge. Also, spoke to Michael Domingue with Louisiana Recreations Trails concerning a grant application for bike path. 2.) Town of Grand Isle Drainage master plan needs updating, along with the State Flood program.

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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David J. Camardelle, Mayor  
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

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Bonnie Pizani, Town Clerk  
Town of Grand Isle