

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024  
1:00 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.,  
Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

ABSENT: Lan Tivet

Motion was made by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to convene in executive session to discuss legal matters at 1:04 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizana and unanimously agreed to reconvene from executive session at 1:12 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to open agenda to allow Paul Rivera, FEMA consultant to give an update on FEMA projects.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to close agenda. .

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously approve to accept the minutes of December 13, 2023 scheduled town meeting as written.

Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for December 8, 2023 – January 4, 2024. Total callouts 76, medicals 15, total arrest & total summons 6, total citations 5, total violations 8, golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$570.62, tags sold \$900.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **FEMA Updates** – 2020 Hurricane Zeta still in progress. 2021 Hurricane Ida still in progress. **CPRA Updates** – Stone Contract - Contractor on site. Currently working on west end of island. Construction completion date is December 11, 2023. Dune Repair Updates – Preconstruction meeting week of October 23, 2023 and starting construction by mid-November 2023. **TOGI Pump station rehab**- Sealevel Construction was awarded the job. NTP issued on January 8, 2024. **Pump Permits Update** – Landry Hole and Cypress pumps Jefferson Parish is working on funding for 2023. Orange Lane pump station if funded by Jefferson Parish. Jackson Lane pump station engineering is reviewed survey data. **PPDR Program** – 28 homes have been submitted. Estimated cost \$1.01 million. **Other Business** -Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to amend the GIS General Engineering Contract.

Carles Sponge Street Supervisor was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Working hard on many town projects.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Ball Park grass seeds were planted and now needs a grass cutting. 2.) Representative Orgeron will be with a group of Indian Tribes to organize the tree planting. Grant was received from “Keep Louisiana Beautiful” to purchase trees.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Pier & Bulkhead Repair project update – Construction 10% complete. Awaiting delivery of

sheet pilings (mid\_February) 2.) FEMA Hurricane Ida update – GIPC Office repair will be completed by the end of April 2024. Construction is 40% complete. 3.) LA Sea Grant Award – 75K for Oyster Farm Improvements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2855**

A resolution appointing David Michel and O’Neil Marlborough to the Jefferson Parish **Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee to represent Town of Grand Isle**, designating the composition and duties of the committee, and providing for related matters.

**WHEREAS**, the current Jefferson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 will expire in June of 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a current Hazard Mitigation Plan is needed to receive funding from FEMA for Hazard Mitigation Assistance projects and credit under section 510 of the Community Rating System (CRS); and

**WHEREAS**, Town of Grand Isle is vulnerable to flooding and other natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson Parish received funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to update the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan with a focus on CRS requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the development and implementation of a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan that addresses the criteria outlined in Activity 510 of the Community Rating System can result in actions that reduce the long-term risk to life and property from flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, and other Parish municipalities to work collaboratively to protect its citizens and property from the effects of flooding and other natural hazards by preparing and maintaining a local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan that addresses the criteria in CRS Activity 510 including Table 510-4 Categories for Floodplain Management activities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is required by Title 44 of the Federal Code of Regulations Part 201.6 that a Mitigation Planning Team be identified and play an active role in the update of this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, at least fifty (50) percent of the committee membership shall be comprised of individuals outside local government; and

**WHEREAS**, the estimated completion date of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is December 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Grand Isle desires to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee to meet the requirement set forth by FEMA and the Insurance Service Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Grand Isle Council, acting as governing authority of said City that:

**Section 1.** David Michel and O’Neil Marlborough is appointed to the Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee which term shall run concurrently with the existence of the committee.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Lan Tivet

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to cancel January 24, 2024 town council meeting due to mayor and council meetings in Washington DC.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to transfer funds within the Police Department budget. Transfer \$275.00 from 5408-13 to 5319-13 physicals, transfer \$2000.00 from 5408-13 to 5321-13 training, transfer \$120.00 from 5408-13 to 5328-13 small equipment.

Joint motion was made to have the Grand Isle Mardi Gras Parade, Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Joint motion was made to allow Grand Isle Alumni Association the use of the Grand Isle Multiplex Ctr on February 3, 2024 for their annual dance.

Joint motion was made to appropriate funds in General Fund for installation and training on the AS400 computer in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. request/reports: 1.) Request to waive fees for beer/alcohol for the Fireman's Fair. Joint motion was made to waive fees for the beer and liquor permits for the Fireman's Fair, April 5-7, 2024.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/reports: 1.) Meeting with JP Council Marion Edwards to possibly get a pump truck from the surplus yard. 2.) Skid Steer to clean/shave the side of highway. 3.) Looking at maybe raising the gas meters like Entergy meters.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Working on black top streets. 2.) Drainage is still work in progress. 3.) Work on crossovers with the Corps. 4.) Thanks to Representative Joe Orgeron and Senator Pat Connick for all they do for the Town of Grand Isle.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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David J. Camardelle, Mayor  
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

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Janet Scardino, Mayor's Administrative Assistant  
Town of Grand Isle