

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

ABSENT: None

David Bradley, Paul Varnado and Major Colin Westlake with the USACE was recognized and reports on the following: **1.) Stone Repair Contract** - \* Installation of 2,200 LF of stone dune core, repairs to existing breakwaters, repairs to the western jetty \* Installation of the dune core and repairs to the west jetty are complete \* Repairs to existing breakwaters are anticipated to be completed by the end of May 2024. **2.) Dune Core Repairs/Beach Nourishment Contract** - \* Installation of 21,000 LF of clay-filled geotextile core (western half of the project), repairs to the sand-filled geo-tube (eastern half of the project), and restoration of the dune and beach \* Clearing, grubbing, and excavation activities are underway in preparation for clay core installation \* Anticipated completion in late 2024.

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

Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for February 9, 2024 - February 25, 2024 Total callouts 41, medicals 7, total arrest & total summons 5, total citations 2, total violations 2, golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$938.72, tags sold \$18,375.00.

Jimbo Adams with GIFD was recognized and reports on the following: April 5-7, 2024 will be hosting the Fireman's Fair. Please come out and support the GIFD.

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. **Town Hall Rehab**- Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to approve the pay request #2 from Picciola Construction in the amount of \$27,769.50. **TOGI Baseball and Softball Field** – Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to approve the pay request #1 from Sawfish Construction in the amount \$120,314.25. **Multiplex Center Bldg.-** Motion by council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizana and unanimously agreed to approve the pay request #1 from Picciola Construction in the amount of \$27,550.00. **Cheniere Fishing Pier** – Project is being advertised. Bid opening March 6, 2024 at GI Multiplex Ctr. **Other Business** - Council Member Brian Barthelemy and Bonnie Pizani will advertise for the ditches to be cleaned along GI streets. Equipment to remove debris along Highway 1 can possibly be rented for a month with the cost of \$12,000.00. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary to go with the rental if it does not exceed \$12,000.00.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Beach life stations have been replenished. 81 stations are in place. Blue Boot Rodeo purchase more life jackets 2.) Baseball Field will be seeded with Bermuda Grass seeds. 3.) Community Garden will soon be planted with vegetables.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Pier & Bulkhead Repair project update – Construction 25% complete. Sheet pilings and equipment on site. Completion date May 2024. 2.) FEMA Hurricane Ida update – GIPC

Office repair will be completed by the end of April 2024. Construction is 75% complete. 3.) Kayak boat launch is 100%. 4.) Handicap Fishing Pier – Request for quotes soon.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with the hearing schedule for the regular town meetings of March 13 and March 27, 2024 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO.**

An ordinance amending Section 2-39. – Regular meetings. Changing the time of the Town Meetings of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana to 6:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2859**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONSIDER REOPENING THE SOUTH LAFOURCHE NURSING HOME UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP.

**WHEREAS**, the reopening of the South Lafourche Nursing Home under new ownership would benefit the Parish and the people of South Lafourche; and

**WHEREAS**, this reopening would help people to go see and visit with their loved ones; so many times the patients need loved ones to visit to help in their healing and their day-to-day lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this reopening would benefit the Parish by putting people to work and in order to have a place close by to visit with their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, this is needed and has always worked when we had it in operation; therefore **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town of Grand Isle in regular session on February 28, 2024, that it does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Health to consider reopening the South Lafourche Nursing Home under new ownership.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Department of Health; Senator Mike Fesi, District 20; State Representative Joe Orgeron, District 54; State Representative Bryan Fontenot, District 53; and the Office of the Parish President.

This resolution was jointly offered by the Council Members.

Vote thereon as follows:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

This resolution was declared adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to transfer funds from one police code to another police code. Transfer \$500.00 from code 5302-13 utilities to 5309-13 R&M to bldg. Transfer \$680.00 from code 5302-13 utilities to 5319-13 physicals. Transfer \$ 500.00 from 5302-13 utilities to 5368-13 Uniforms.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to transfer funds from one community center code to another community center code. Transfer \$750.00 from code 5309-23 R&M bldg. to 5308-23 janitorial.

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed for the purchase of Grove Crane through the LA Federal Property Assistance Agency in the amount of \$26,000.00.

Joint Motion was made to allow FOGI the use of the Grand Isle Multiplex on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Council Member Melissa Pizani Jr. request/reports: 1.) Cheniere Park where are we with the installation of fence? Joint motion was made to get quotes to replace fence.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/reports: 1.) PPDR program where are we with demolition? No bids have been received. Not obligated with GOHSEP.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/reports: 1.) Asking if JP Recreation can help with the base placements after the grass is completed. 2.) Getting with Representative Orgeron to subservice Hwy 1 to eliminate sand that left behind after storms. 3.) Requesting to discuss further beach golfcarts tags due to construction. 4.) Pickle Ball is a popular game. Thinking about maybe adding a court to the Sports Complex.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Working to get DOTD to redo lines on LA Hwy One. 2.) Working on a package along with State representatives on drainage. 3.) GOHSEP director is assisting with town projects.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 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