

TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY March 26, 2025
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 – James Cheramie, Harley Stelly, Loren Gonzalez, Michael Scioneaux

ABSENT: Brian Barthelemy

Linda Goldman was recognized: Asking for financial assistance with “Island Cats”. Joint motion was made to donate \$1,000.00 from Island Music Festival and \$1,000.00 from recreational assistance.

Jean Landry from Nature Conservancy was recognized: Requesting support for the 27th Migratory Bird Celebration.

Jay Lafont with the American Legion was recognized: Asking for approval to host the poppy sale on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Joint motion was made.

Council Member James Cheramie changes to February 12, 2025 minutes. Point of Order was made by Council Member Brian Barthelemy noting that mayor pro-temp is not eligible to vote due to he is presiding as the mayor. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously approved.

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member James Cheramie and unanimously approve to accept the minutes of February 26, 2025 scheduled town council meeting as written.

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Officer William Bryant with Grand Isle Police Dept. was recognized and reports on the following for February 21, 2025 thru March 20, 2025: Total callouts 105, medicals 18, total arrest & total summons 5, total citations 28, total violations 39, total golf cart summons 0, court fines paid \$7,982.80, tags sold \$21,900.00.

Grand Isle Fire Department announced that the Fireman’s Fair Pageant is Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following:

Old Jail Bunkhouse –Contractor Vella Builders, Contract amount \$178,685.00 **Jackson Lane Pump Station** – All permits are received. Project is shovel ready. Assisting with LITACorp/Grand Isle DOT project. **Capital Outlay Request FY 2025-2026** – Road Rehabilitation, Central Island Drainage Project, Public Housing. **Orange Ln Pump** – Contractor continues the installation of steel sheet piles. **PPDR**– Pre bid advertised in Lafourche Gazette & Advocate. Pre-bid April 15, 2025. Open Bid May 14, 2025. **Baseball Field** - work is complete **Gas Building Repairs** - Notice of Award to Vella Builders. Pre construction meeting to be held week of April 7, 2025. **Parks & Beautification Building Repairs** – Vella Builders has the lowest quote. GIS received three quotes for this project. Joint motion was made to get information/cost on rebuilding the Community Center. Hire someone to cover hole on north east side of building. Donations from Vella Builders: 1.) Track and Field 10x10 slab donated to GI School. 2.) Stripping court for pickle ball court.

Carles Sponge was recognized and reports on the following: Removed fence on Boudreaux Lane crossover.

Ronnie Sampey with the GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) 50% of signs were lost due to beach construction. Will relocated some poles because of larger beach area. Material and signs are needed. 81 life rings total, 31 of these stations are gone. Blue Boot donated 50 poles. Requested 36 bags from Blue Boot with rope.

Weldon Danos with GIPC was recognized and reports on the following: **FEMA Ida Public Assistance Projects.** West Slip Bulkhead Repair Project – Initial estimate - \$2.4M, FEMA Obligated funds – \$241K, FEMA appeals denied. **Shrimp Facility Repair Project** - Initial estimate - \$1.8M, FEMA obligated funds \$280K, FEMA appeals denied.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Loren Gonzales and unanimously agreed to lift the rezoning moratorium request from Planning and Zoning.

Joint motion was made to waive the fee for Grand Isle Community Development for the use of the Multiplex Building on April 24, 2025

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux to purchase /finance a Kubota Excavator. Council Member Harley Stelly and Council Member James Cheramie vote nay. Motion failed.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously agreed to purchase tractor rake for beach clean-up.

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously approved New Class B Beer & Liquor license to It's All Good LLC, DBA Landry's Quick Stop.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Loren Gonzalez and unanimously approved to add \$30,000 to 5203-12 Salaries Police & Beach Cleaning. Add \$4,000.00 to 5402-12 Workers Comp. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Loren Gonzalez to transfer \$1,098.00 from 5324-63 gas purchase to 5310-63 rep & maint – office equipment. Transfer \$168.00 from 5324-63 gas purchase to 5340-63 physicals & drug testing. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously agreed to table request of \$20,000.00 to 5613-23 Office furniture & equipment until an estimate cost is supplied to council.

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously agreed to waive the rental cost to FOGI for the Multiplex Ctr on May 3, 2025.

Council Member James Cheramie request & reports: 1.) Community needs to come together. 2.) Thankful for Restore Louisiana and Bayou Community Foundation for rebuilt of homes damaged after Hurricane Ida.

Council Member Harley Stelly request & reports: 1.) Easter Egg Hunt is April 19, 2025.

Council Member Loren Gonzalez request & reports: 1.) "SIPPING WITH THE SENIORS" 1st Tuesday of the month, "Sipping with the Seniors" coffee & donuts.

Council Member Michael Scioneaux request & reports: 1.) Speed bumps on Magnolia Lane & Walnut Lane.

Mayor Camardelle report: 1.) Meetings with Senator Pat Connick & Representative Joe Orgeron concerning housing at the Old Coast Guard Station. 2.) Rocks along beach where empty places total 37 segments. 3.) GILLD will be building levee along north side of island starting at old Halliburton Camp Site moving ease.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Harley Stelly and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm.

David J. Camardelle
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Administrative Assistant
Town of Grand Isle