

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENT: Council Members – James Cheramie, Loren Gonzalez,
Brian Barthelemy, Michael Scioneaux

ABSENT: Harley Stelly

South Central Planning – Kevin Belanger, Pat Gordon & Michael Wich explained to the Mayor & Council how SCP can assist in the Building & Permit Department for the town. The planning, zoning, board of adjustment and building code enforcement is what SCP can do for the town.

Jean Landry Manager of The Nature Conservancy was recognized and reports on the following: The Community Development Team has sponsored the Migratory Bird Celebration since it has been in existence. The celebration for this year was a huge success with over 300 people registered.

Motion by Council Member Loren Gonzalez seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of April 8, 2026 regular schedule meeting.

Chief Christopher Hernandez was recognized and reports on the following for April 3, 2026 through April 16, 2026: Total callouts 201, medicals 15, total arrest & total summons 10, total citations 88, total violations 107, total summons 6, total charges 6, court fines paid \$7,494.79, tags sold \$35,325.00. Invitation for the 1st Annual Kickin' It with The Cops. Grand Isle Police Department on May 9, 2026. Starting at 10:00 am – till. Fun Filled day with many events dedicated to bringing our community together.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **1.) Community Center** - \$145K estimate cost to repair structural supports, estimate painting columns \$90K, HAVC estimate \$148K. Estimated total \$2,442,673.00 for repairs. **2.) Capital Outlay request** – 1- drainage 2- public housing 3- road restoration. **3.) Golf Cart Permit Update.** Working on questions from USACE. **4.) FEMA Updates** – Maintenance bldg. completion date 4-4-26. Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to open agenda. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux and unanimously agreed to pay request No 1 in the amount of \$32,265.00. Gas Bldg Repairs – Project is under 45 day clear lien.

Iann Caulfield Building Department – Mayor Camardelle thanks Iann for his hard work.

Ronnie Sampey with GIGC was recognized and reports on the following: **1.)** GC applied for a \$50,000 grant to purchase trees. **2.)** 21 live rings to be placed on beach. **3.)** LOVE THE BOOT collected 44 – 30 gallon bags of trash. Thanks to the 21 volunteers.

Joint motion for the town to sponsor the crown, sash and flowers for the 2026 Miss Grand Isle Pageant. Joint motion for the Community Fair Account to donate \$500.00

Joint motion the following employees eligible for benefits: Joby Blanchard, Police Officer and Brian Santiny, Street Department.

Joint motion request fall beer/alcohol and any permit and fees be waived for 2026 International Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo, July 23-25, 2026.

Joint motion for American Legion's request for permission to hold a "Poppy Drive" on Saturday, May 23, 10am – 1pm on LA 1.

Council Member James Cheramie request & reports: 1.) South Central Planning would benefit the town in moving forward. 2.) Working on the budget for 2026-2027

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request & reports: 1.) Chighizola Park playground equipment broken. 2.) GIFD – setting up on weekends on the beach handing out literature. Blue Boot will be out there also. 3.) Donation for Oak Lane Tennis court repairs. 4.) Received a \$16,500.00 donation for Island Strong Music Festival.

Council Member Michael Scioneaux request & reports: 1.) Benefit for Bobby Bradberry at the Multiplex Ctr on July 4, 2026. 2.) Central Ave in Chenier has a 8-inch drop on the corner of Camardelle Lane.

Mayor's report: 1.) GILD has six major projects going on at this time.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously approved to adjourn meeting at 7:22 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Administrative Assistant
Town of Grand Isle