TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
SCHEDULED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor David Camardelle. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited, a prayer was offered, and roll call was as follows:

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

ABSENT: none

Motion by Council Member Harley Stelly, seconded by Council Member Michael Scioneaux, and unanimously agreed to enter Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss active lawsuits.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie, and unanimously agreed to reconvene at 6:40 p.m.

Motion by Council Member James Cheramie, seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy, and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2026 regular scheduled meeting, with a correction reflecting that the building permit fee ordinance was deferred to November 18, 2026, rather than November 19, 2026.

Ordinances 7A and 7B from the October 28, 2026 meeting were deferred to November 18, 2026.

Chief Christopher Hernandez was recognized and presented the Police Department report for October 22 through October 28, 2026. The department reported 44 callouts, 10 medical/fire calls, six citations (all speeding), six violations, no arrests or summonses, no court fines to report, and $525 in golf cart tags sold. Year-to-date 2026 golf cart tag sales were reported as $525.00. Chief Hernandez addressed questions concerning Police Department personnel and public safety matters. Discussion was held regarding these matters.

Ronnie Sampey, Garden Club/Restore Grand Isle, reported that seven beach life-ring stations were lost in a storm; two poles were recovered and five were missing. He recommended waiting to reinstall the stations until the rock jetties are in place. Work on the hotel project was suspended pending funding, which he reported was expected.

Weldon Danos, Executive Director of the Grand Isle Port Commission, reported that two 2027 capital outlay requests were submitted November 1. The drainage improvements project includes a pump station and collection system, with an estimated total cost of $1.8 million, a $450,000 Jefferson Parish match, and a $1.35 million state request. The facility improvements project proposes new piers, bulkheads, roads, and parking at the end of Ludwig Lane, with a request of $750,000. Letters of support were received from Senator Pat Connick and Representative Joe Orgeron. The Smith Lane ADA fishing pier reopened October 26 after structural repairs to its ramp and is open 24 hours a day.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced for introduction only:

An ordinance approving the subdivision of property for Hurricane Hole Subdivision Phase III, into Lots 1 through 17, being a portion of the former Land Reclamation Tract N 1, and the rezoning of certain property to the Detached Condominium District (R 6).

Council Member James Cheramie thanked Chief Hernandez for attending and stated that he disagreed with the Chief's comments.

Council Member Harley Stelly announced that the Town's Thanksgiving luncheon would be held November 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Grand Isle Multiplex. School students were invited to contact her if they need volunteer hours. She also reported progress on the splash pad grant.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy reported that he planned to meet with a Hurricane Hole representative and a Town employee to review drainage concerns and a possible privately funded connection to the main drainage system, with findings to be reported at

the next meeting. He also discussed the damaged condition of Olivier Lane and the possibility of using crushed asphalt while the related FEMA road project is reviewed.

Council Member Michael Scioneaux thanked the street crew for getting the levy wash out repaired. Thanked Tim Kerner Jr. for getting pumps down to Grand Isle.

The Mayor reported on recent high-tide flooding and Town work to repair and improve drainage near levy, Louisiana Avenue, and the Cypress pump area. Clay mud was put at the washout location. He said work on the beach rock project was affected by weather and equipment conditions, with additional segments expected to proceed when conditions allow. The Mayor recognized Jan on her retirement after more than 20 years of service.

A motion was made by James Cheramie and seconded by Michael Scioneaux to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. and unanimously agreed.

A motion by James Cheramie & seconded by Harley Stelly to open the agenda and unanimously agreed. The Council then reopened the meeting and approved scheduling a special meeting for November 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The meeting was adjourned following that action.

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David Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

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Bonnie Pizani, Town Clerk
Town of Grand Isle