

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, March 9, 2021
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 – Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson, Jr., Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary, Deputy Chief Linda Goldman

ABSENT: 0

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to amend agenda.

7B. An ordinance amending ordinance # 908 changing the day of the Town Council meetings.

8A. A resolution urging the Louisiana Legislature to keep the jurisdiction of House District 54 as is during the upcoming redistricting process.

8B. Resolution to accept proposal Grand Isle Multiplex Sign.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani to close agenda.

Mike Castellano was recognized and wanted to address the council concerning Adopt a Beach Program which provides free dog waste stations, unlimited bags to beach areas. Post will be placed next to garbage drums for easy clean-up. Council gave their approval for the program and was pleased with this service on the beach.

John Victory was recognized and wanted to address the council concerning the Queen Bess Bay Property. Thanks for the 90 days to look into the ownership of property. He states there is a conflict with the development.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of February 23, 2021 town meeting as written.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet to accept the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 1004

An ordinance setting the pay rates for Town Treasurer.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article III Sec.2-133 authorizes the Town Council to increase the rate of Town Treasurer.

WHEREAS, the cost of living and the cost of dependent health insurance also has increased and the Town does not want to lose its experienced employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that:

Section 1: The weekly salary of the Town Treasurer increases by \$3.00 per hour and is hereby set at \$890.00 per week.

This ordinance was considered section by section and as a whole and was offered by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet.

Roll call vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Lan Tivet, Brian Barthelemy, Elgene Gary

NAYS: Kelly Besson, Jr.

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

This ordinance was declared adopted this 9th day of March 2021 and becomes effective on said date.

Deputy Chief Linda Goldman was recognized and gave the following police report for the period of February 19, 2021 thru March 4, 2021: Total call outs 81, total citations 15, summons/arrests 1, drug law violations 5, arrest by Grand Isle 6, medicals 4, burglary/theft 3, traffic/court fines paid \$7,480.79, golf cart/UTV tags sold \$15,326.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following: **1.)** Louisiana Community Development Block Grant was submitted on March 9, 2021. **2.)** TOGI and GIS are currently working with GOHSEP on information from the 2020 Hurricane Season. **3.)** Fencing for Gas Department RFQ package was sent to 3 contractors on March 5, 2021. RFQ quotes to be submitted on March 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **4.)** Beach Side locations for golf carts access points were given for proposal. *Boudreaux Lane, Boudreaux Lane, Apple Lane, Coulon Rigaud Lane, Oak Lane. GIS recommends using the same templet from the USACE and use some type of concrete matting for sand dune protection. GIS met with contractor to view these areas. The price for this work would be \$21,840.00. **5.)** Orange Lane pump station – AIMS submitted 75% plans and specifications to Jefferson Parish on February 17, 2021 and received comments back on March 1, 2021. AIMS will address the comments as they prepare the final plans and specifications. Coastal Use Permit application submitted February 4, 2021. **6.)** Chighizola Pump Station – Principal Engineering is near completion on the structural design of the pump station. Principal Engineering can complete the plans in approximately 6 weeks after receiving comments. Principal Engineering is nearing completion of the Coastal Use Permit application.

Town Supervisor Chris Hernandez was recognized and reports on the following: **1.)** Thank you to Councilmember-At-Large Ricky Templet and Councilmember Marion Edwards for helping with the drainage on LA 1. Crew from Jefferson Parish helped with digging the ditches along highway and town streets. Jody Adam has been working between Medical Lane – Adams Lane working on digging ditches. **2.)** Vehicle Auction was held, and all vehicles were sold. Council Member Brian Barthelemy asked to have all the junk iron removed from property. **3.)** Overbudget items: R & M Vehicles Street - \$10,000.00, Uniforms \$1,000.00, R & M Lights \$904.09, R & M Vehicles MQ \$2,000.00. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., and unanimously agreed upon to amend the budget for the overbudget items. Overbudget R & M pump stations: Santiny Lane Pump Station needs pump and gear box repaired which would cost \$30,000.00. Asking \$50,000.00 to get through this fiscal year for repairs. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to re-adjust the budget for funds. Council Member Lan Tivet reported that debris is in ditch going to Cemetery Lane Pump Station. Possibly needs a machine with a long reach. Council Member Melissa Pizani asked if there was a monthly maintenance check? Supervisor stated that a monthly check is being done.

Tyler Cheramie Gas Department employee was recognized by Mayor David Camardelle and said how proud he was of the work and dedication that Tyler has done and shown.

Ronnie Sampey was recognized and reports on the following: **1.)** Fifty poles that hold life jackets were placed on beach. Thank to all that helped: Town of Grand Isle, Garden Club volunteers, Blue Boots, Grand Isle Fire Department, Kelly Besson Sr. **2.)** Three crossings with signs were done. **3.)** Post for the crossing signs is in. **4.)** Working on grant for repairing old gazebo. Any donations are appreciated. **5.)** Golf cart crossing

signs will be picked up on Friday. **6.)** Looking for volunteers to clean up and work in our 90* West Park. Chris says that USCG will help.

Weldon Danos Director of Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following: **1.)** Commercial Dock – received dirt/sand from TOGI ditch digging project. Leveled back side of dock area. Awaiting installation of culvert and floodgate. Installing new signage. Updated SPCC and SWPPP Plans as per LDEQ. **2.)** Handicap Fishing Pier – Filling in access roadway potholes with limestone. Plan to restripe parking area. **3.)** Kayak Boat Launch – Plan to fill in access roadway and parking area potholes. Received GIS estimate on limestone. FOGI/CCA to support roadway maintenance cost. **4.)** LA Sea Grant Oyster Hatchery – Restarting full operation of oyster seedlings. Oyster seedlings provided to area oyster farmers for growth and harvesting on farms. Facility tours – contact David Callam. **5.)** LDWF Skimmer TED Reimbursement Program – April 1, 2021 skimmer vessels >40 feet required to install TED's. Online meetings/registration Contact Julia Lightner 504-286-4041 or jlightner@wlf.la.gov

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of March 23, 2021 and April 13, 2021 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**An ordinance providing the Subdivision Approval Process within
Town of Grand Isle**

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with hearing scheduled for the regular town meeting of March 23, 2021 and April 13, 2021 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 908. Changing the day of the Town Meetings to the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with hearing scheduled for the regular town meeting of March 23, 2021 and April 13, 2021 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

The following resolution was jointly offered by the Council:

RESOLUTION NO. 2800

A resolution by the Town Council of Grand Isle urging the Louisiana Legislature to take into consideration the Council's desire for the Town of Grand Isle to remain within the jurisdiction of House District 54 during the upcoming redistricting process.

WHEREAS, periodically the Louisiana Legislature draws up new boundary lines to create the 105 Representative Districts within the State of Louisiana designed to reflect an equal voting population according to the final results of the U.S. Census; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Isle has remained during the two previous redistricting periods and currently lies within the boundaries of House District 54; and

WHEREAS, both the central and southern part of Lafourche Parish are within the boundaries of House District 54, along with Grand Isle; and

WHEREAS, in addition to sharing a geographic boundary line Grand Isle and the southern portion of Lafourche Parish are communities of interest and share similar socio-economic industries such as oil and gas, commercial and recreational fishing, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Grand Isle using vehicular transportation off the island must utilize infrastructure located at the southern end of Lafourche Parish and travel through House District 54; and

WHEREAS, the nearest medical services for Grand Isle residents such as hospitals, medical clinics, physicians, pharmacies, in addition to services for disabled citizens and veterans are all located within the southern end of Lafourche Parish; and

WHEREAS, the official journal of record and only free weekly newspaper delivery service, in addition to internet and cable services are provided by businesses located within the southern end of Lafourche Parish.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of Grand Isle met on March 9, 2021, and hereby urges the Louisiana Legislature to strongly consider this resolution and allow the Town of Grand Isle to remain within the boundaries of House District 54.

This resolution is offered jointly by 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 9th day of March 2021.

The following resolution was jointly offered by the Council:

RESOLUTION NO. 2801

A Resolution to Accept Proposal Grand Isle Multiplex Sign

Whereas, competitive electronic proposals and quotes were advertised and then received by the Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana for the custom manufacture and installation of a new lighted sign & electronic message board to serve the Multiplex facility located at 3101 Hwy 1, Grand Isle, LA (ra.easibuy.com/events/1760 closed July 21, 2020).

Whereas, the Town reviewed the basic design ideas, qualifications and pricing proposals that were submitted, and then negotiated the final design, price, and installation of the sign with GIBKO NURSERY AND SIGNS, INC. doing business as GIBKO SIGNS.

Whereas, GIBKO SIGNS submitted a final design and price proposal dated February 1, 2021 for \$90,215.00 attached as Exhibits hereto.

Whereas, the Town of Grand Isle will be responsible for \$15,000.00 for the cost of the sign, with Jefferson Parish and the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo Association agreeing to cover the remainder of the cost.

Now Therefore, it is resolved:

1. The Town may proceed to contract with GIBKO SIGNS to manufacture and install a sign as proposed and described at the location so designated for \$90,215.00.
2. The Town's cost share shall not exceed \$15,000.00 of the total price.
3. The Town will receive proper and binding assurance from Jefferson Parish and from the Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo Association prior to issuing permission to GIBKO SIGNS to proceed with the manufacture and installation of the sign.

This resolution is offered jointly by 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 9th day of March, 2021.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr., seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to give permission to cut tree limb only to be done by an arborist at 185 Chighizola Lane

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to give permission to cut tree limb only to be done by an arborist at 156 Cott Lane.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. to give permission to re-locate two palm trees. Council Member Lan Tivet voted nay.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to allow spending of the \$12,000.00 from the Louisiana Tourism Sunshine Grant be spent through town funds and request the reimbursement for the expenses.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon give permission to Grand Isle Rotary to use the Multiplex Center parking lot for a BBQ Dinner on March 28, 2021.

Council Member Melissa Pizani request/report: **1.)** Asphalt needed on corner of LA 1 and Ludwig Lane. **2.)** Old Medical Building on Willow Lane needs to be demolished. Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering stated that he looked at the building and will put the demolition out for bid.

Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. request/report: **1.)** Thanks to the Garden Club for their continues help. Thanks to everyone who helped placing the pilings on the beach. Thanks to Ben Bordelon for use of dozer.

Council Member Kelly Besson, Jr. seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to put the Mosquito Control Contract out to bid.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/report: **1.)** Suggest that instead of the putting post for the signage on the beach why the signs cannot be place on trash bins. Advertising on trash bins will cover the cost.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: **1.)** Waterline system needs upgrading. Meeting with Council-At-Large Ricky Templet and GIFD to discuss what needs to be done. **2.)** Culvert flap on LA 1 in Chenier needs to be done. Culvert flap by Bridge Side Marina needs to be done. Been asking for a while now. **3.)** Bayou Signs - request to Jan to see if called for repair to Community Center sign. **4.)** Jefferson Parish Parks & Recreation came to discuss about repairs at ball field. Concession stand quote will be here tomorrow. **5.)** Basketball court on Cott Lane Jefferson Parish is sending employee to paint lines. GI Water department will be placing a connection for water. **6.)** Asking who can assist us with the ongoing price increase for the flood insurance.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: **1.)** Smith Lane drainage ditch collapsed.

Mayor's Report: **1.)** Thanks to Representative Joe Orgeron and Representative Joe Bishop for their assistance with Capital Outlay half million dollars for the levee board. **2.)** Cox Energy has given permission to the town and levee board to move forward with building levee. Permits for projects are being done. **3.)** Thanks to Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng for calling often to check on Grand Isle. **4.)** Thanks to Chip Kline with CPRA for always helping Grand Isle.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Kelly Besson, Jr. and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet T. Scardino, Secretary
Town of Grand Isle