

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 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,
Elgene Gary, Deputy Chief Linda Goldman
ABSENT: Brian Barthelemy

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to amend the May 12, 2021 minutes to change name to Ryan Corley. Congratulating Ryan Corley for graduation at Lafourche Academy first in Academic and first in firearms.

A hearing was held on the following propose ordinance which was offered for adoption by council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet

ORDINANCE NO. 1007

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 880 – ARTICLE II. TREES,
DIVISION 2. - PROTECTION OF NATIVE TREES AND EXISTING OAKS,
Sec. 98-57. - Retention generally.

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance relating to native trees needs updating.

WHEREAS, Palm be removed from the native trees & correction of spelling “reb bay” to “red bay”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Town Council of the Town of Grand Isle, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana that ARTICLE II. TREES, DIVISION 2. – PROTECTION OF NATIVE TREES AND EXISTING OAKS, Sec. 98-57. -Retention generally shall now read as follows:

**ARTICLE II: TREES
DIVISION 2. - PROTECTION OF NATIVE TREES AND EXISTING OAKS
Sec. 98-57. Retention generally.**

Native tress and existing oaks, because of the beneficial and historical qualities and character they provide to the town, shall be retained to the maximum feasible extent.

Native trees: Existing and native oaks, red bay, black willow, wild persimmon, green ash, hackberry and mulberry trees.

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

Roll call voter thereon as follows:

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

This ordinance was declared adopted this 26th day of May 2021 and becomes effective on said date.

Deputy Chief Linda Goldman was recognized and gave the following police report for the period of May 8, 2021 thru May 21, 2021: Total call outs 160, total citations 33 (including golf cart/UTV), medicals 9, traffic/court fines paid \$8,362.12, golf cart/UTV tags sold \$14,970.75, Total golfcart/UTV tags sold \$108,080.00.

Police Officer Adriene Cunningham was recognized and gave the following report for beach patrol: Paths on GI Hurricane Protection Levee needs to be addressed. As of this past week 38 illegal walkovers from behind camps are destroying our levee system. All should use the designated crossings to access the beach.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: **FEMA updates** 2020 hurricane season – Continuing coordination with FEMA and GOHSEP on the damage inventory for Hurricane Zeta, Delta, and Laura. **CPRA updates** – CPRA is performing an analysis on ten additional breakwaters along the gulf side. Analysis should be completed by July 2021. Breakwater closest to Caminada Pass Jetty will be extended to close the gap. Completion of analysis CPRA will send to USACE for review. Orange Lane Pump Station – Aims Engineering is waiting on comments from Jefferson Parish concerning the final plans and specifications. Aims Engineering received a notice of no objection from USACE and awaiting notice from LDNR. Chighizola Pump Station – Principal Engineering is confirming the geotechnical stability of ditch slopes and designing vinyl sheet pile. Asked if the town employees can assist in digging out the ditch between Orange Lane & Cherry Lane.

John Plaisance with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Check list for subdivision process wording was shortened. 2.) Preliminary Plans for Kings Kove would be the first step for the town permit department. Motion by Council Member Elgene Gary seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and Council Member Lan Tivet voted yea to proceed with the first step to be done. Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. voted nay.

Christopher Hernandez Supervisor was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Thank you to Jefferson Parish officials for sending street crew to assist with debris removal. 2.) Landry pump station sent to Welch, Louisiana for repair. 3.) Gas Supervisor Tyler Cheramie is doing a great job. 4.) Beach tractor will be working tomorrow. 5.) Two operators are repairing golf cart/UTV crossovers. 6.) Lights on fishing pier needs repairing. Electrician will look at what needs to be done. Council Member Lan Tivet asked how many employees do we have working with the street can drainage crew? Chris replied nine.

Ronnie Sampey with GI Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Jean Lafitte crossing placed signs. 2.) Fifty eight signs installed as of this date. 3.) May 19, 2021 had a GI Garden Club Meeting. Few showed and volunteers are needed. 4.) All life rings are in place on the beach. 5.) Medical Lane house needs water meter.

Weldon Danos, Director with Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) FEMA Hurricane Zeta Public Assistance Grant – Application complete. Damage Inventory Complete with an estimate of 1.8 million. 2.) LA Sea Grant Program – Alternative Oyster Culture (AOC) Grants. Three million from LDWF and CPRA. Goal is to expand AOC across the state. Good timing of funds because of hurricanes 2020 and pandemic.

The following proposed ordinance was introduced with hearing scheduled for the regular town meetings of June 14, 2021 and June 28, 2021 at which time it will be eligible for adoption.

Ordinance No: _____

An ordinance amending the Town of Grand Isle Operating Budget for FY beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to approve payment for expenses for debris removal for Hurricane Zeta.

A joint motion by the council was unanimously agreed upon to approve letter of no objection for Dan Falgout under joint permit Application # P20210367, with the stipulation to continue getting all necessary permits needed from state and local agencies.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to give Steven Metzger full time benefits.

Council Member Melissa Pizani request/report: 1.) Keep Island Clean – everyone help with cleaning their area.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: 1.) Cemetery Park – chains on swings need changing.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Welcome everyone for Memorial Day Weekend. 2.) Jefferson Parish Council Members approved \$25,000.00 for summer program. 3.) Grand Isle Independent Levee District is fighting for rocks around the entire island. Western end of island needs rocks for the continuous beach erosion. Respect our levee system and cross over on designated area only.

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Bonnie Pizani, Town Clerk
Town of Grand Isle