

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 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, Captain Walter Theriot Jr.

ABSENT:

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of August 11, 2021 regular meeting.

Captain Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for August 7 – August 20, 2021: Total call outs 122, total citations 35, golfcart/UTV citations 3, drug law violations 2, disturbing the peace by intoxication 1, arrest by Grand Isle 3, medicals 20, traffic/court fines paid \$9,682.61, golf cart/UTV tags sold \$6,525.00.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: **FEMA updates** 2020 hurricane season – Work in progress for Hurricane Zeta. **CPRA updates** – The breakwater analysis is 95% complete. Possibly two weeks before completion. In the process of GEO tube repair. Boudreaux Lane – matting just for pedestrians only. Stop immediately golf carts and UTV. **Mayor & Council Request:** Update on Community Center repairs. Contractor waiting on material. Research for grants for water infrastructure and drainage improvements. Working on portable score boards. Reached out to JPSS about baseball/softball fields assisting in the cost for repairs. **FHWA Recreational Trails Program:** This is a reimbursement program. Project must be completed within one year after the signature date of the letter of commitment. **Council Member Brian Barthelemy** received quote from Design Pavers for the installation of 16' x 154' access ramps. Start rendering for new tourism office and pavilion.

Ronnie Sampey with Grand Isle Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Roped off crossing at Magnolia Lane. Needs a distinctive right-of-way. GIGC will be picking up life rings before the weather that is approaching.

Weldon Danos, Director of Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) No Wake Zone – August 2021 Established a No Wake Zone including the handicap fishing pier, LA Dry Shrimp Company, Commercial Dock and Dean Blanchard Seafood Dock. 2.) SOAR Grand Program – Sponsored by The Nature Conservancy. Supporting Oyster Aquaculture and Restoration. 3.) Pontoon Boat 2001 selling – sealed bids only. Due September 6, 2021 at noon.

RESOLUTION NO. 2808

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a transfer of the Lafitte to Grand Isle water line, and all other real properties which the Town of Grand Isle acquired for its potable water distribution system, to Consolidated Waterworks District No. 2 of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Council created the new Consolidated Waterworks District No. 2 of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana, thereby incorporating the Town of Grand Isle within the boundaries of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District and the Town entered into a Local Services Agreement, which obligates the District to operate and maintain the Town’s water system; and

WHEREAS, the District is to assume new debt for the purpose of acquiring the Lafitte to Grand Isle water line and the associated old debt; and

WHEREAS, the Town agrees to transfer to the District the Lafitte to Grand Isle water line, including its platforms and terminals, and all other real properties which the Town acquired for its potable water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the Town hereby states its intention to forward to the District and to continue levying the 80% funding (4.392 mills) dedicated to the Waterworks Utility Fund from the Town’s 5.49 mill *ad valorem* tax for the Waterworks and Gas Utility funds from tax years 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town also hereby states its intention to transfer to the District all monies held in the Waterworks Utilities Enterprise Fund/Restricted Asset Accounts as follows: Water Pipeline Debt Service Fund – Sinking Fund, Water Pipeline Debt Service – Reserve Fund, and Water Pipeline Debt Service – Depreciation & Contingencies Reserve.

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

the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign a transfer of the Lafitte to Grand Isle water line, including its platforms and terminals, and all other real properties which the Town of Grand Isle acquired for its potable water distribution system, to Consolidated Waterworks District No. 2 of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana, which transfer shall include the Town’s agreements and intentions as stated above.

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 25th day of August, 2021.

Council Member Melissa Pizani request/report: 1.) Iris Lane property has high grass. 2.) Pickup the empty boxes after Second Harvest.

Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. request/report: 1.) Grand Isle Redfish Rodeo will be Labor Day at Bridge Side Marina.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/report: 1.) Ride the Bull Rodeo will be August 28, 2021 at Bridge Side Marina. 2.) Grand Isle Improvement Committee will hold meeting 2nd Tuesday every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Isle Multiplex Building.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Placement of lights and fence in Chenier Playground. 2.) Oak Lane needs lights. 3.) Talking to DEQ about a dump site. 4.) West 90 Park overgrown grass. Needs some attention. GIGC will help with the parks. 5.) Speed bumps placed along our lanes needs repairing. 6.) Old Fire Department on beach can we get approval to see property.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: 1.) Thank to everyone for the hard work.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Spoke to Lieutenant Governor about a grant for bike path from Rosethorne Lane to the Grand Isle Bridge. 2.) Spoke to Congressman Steve Scalise concerning affordable housing here in Grand Isle. 3.) Hurricane season- watch the weather this week. Possibly affecting the Louisiana Gulf Coast. 4.) School Zone – Watch our kids going to school.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Elgene Gary and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Bonnie Pizani, Town Clerk
Town of Grand Isle