

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021  
1:00 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, Police Chief Stephen Resweber

**ABSENT:**

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of August 25, 2021 regular meeting.

Captain Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for August 21 – October 22, 2021: Total call outs 122, total citations 26, summons/ arrest by Grand Isle 4, medicals 26, traffic/court fines paid \$19,861.92. Council Member Lan Tivet addressed Chief Resweber to discuss Animal Control. Council Member Brian Barthelemy requested the police department to contact Jefferson Parish Animal Control and have them come to Grand Isle because of the dogs that have been roaming the streets since Hurricane Ida.

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: **FEMA updates** 2020 hurricane season – Work in progress for Hurricane Zeta. **Hurricane Ida** - Coordination with CPRA and Post Hurricane Ida Event. Assisting the Town of Grand Isle sand and debris removal for the island. Assisting town businesses with Entergy Generators Post Hurricane Ida **CPRA updates**- The breakwater analysis is 95% complete. **Mayor & Council Request** – Capital Outlay for Year 2022 and 2023. \*Central Island Drainage Project \* Multiplex Expansion \* Recreation Pavilion.

Chris Hernandez Supervisor was recognized and reports on the following projects:

1.) Pulling debris from pump station 2.) Pushing sand along the levee on north side. 3.) Pushing sand in town right of ways. 4.) Joseph Chauvin suggested filling washouts by Chighizola Lane and Plum Lane pumps. 5.) Trash truck is shot. State contract if \$178,000.00.

Ronnie Sampey with Grand Isle Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Hurricane Ida - Garden Club along with FOGI has become a support group for the residents in need. Donations given to the people amounted to over \$30,000.00. 2.) Assisting the town with the clean up on Medical Lane. 3.) Applying for a grant to replace GIGC equipment lost for Hurricane Ida.

Weldon Danos, Director of Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Hurricane Ida Impact – Damage assessment \$6.2 million, FEMA Public Assistance Grant Application and temp office is at LDWF building. 2.) Federal Emergency Funding - \$2.7 million vessel removal. \$11.3 million dredging of Bayou Rigaud/Barataria Bay Shoaling. 3.) Bayou Community Recovery Grant – Submitted application \$360,000.00. Financial Assistance for Commercial Fisherman/Oyster Farmers 4.) Dredging /Debris Removal (local marinas) – Dredging contractor survey & quote. FEMA funding application.

Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. request/report: 1.) Thanks to everyone working together. Recovery process has been great.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/report: 1.) Stressing about the importance of affordable housing programs for our residents. Do we have property or does someone have property to donate? Encourage to reach out to Representative Joe Orgeron and Senator Pat Connick for low-income housing.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Thank the council for giving me the trust working with the mayor assisting him with Hurricane Ida recovery. 2.) Water tugs cannot travel with the weather today. Water will be back on at 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. 3.) Drainage meeting with DRC on town roads. Possibly digging ditches. 4.) Water tanks on west end delivered to elderly and disabled. Cherry Lane is where the water stops. 5.) Basketball and tennis courts needs cleaning. 6.) Temporary office trailer for the town hall will be delivered .7.) Meeting concerning the re-assessment of property. 8.) The Town would not be where we are at today if we would have allowed people on the island. 9.) Blessing of the Fleet will be Easter Weekend 2022.

Council Member Elgene Gary request/report: 1.) Thanks to Chris Hernandez for always doing what is asked of him.

Mayor's Report: 1.) Thanks to Council Member Brian Barthelemy for taking lead on recovery after Hurricane Ida. 2.) Thanks to the volunteers that came to cook lunch for our towns people. 3.) Don't be discouraged with the clean-up or housing process. Still working on this with the appropriate people. 4.) Working with Lafourche Parish to supply water to Chenier moving east. 5.) Working hard on Hurricane Ida recovery.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

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David J. Camardelle, Mayor  
Town of Grand Isle

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Bonnie Pizani, Town Clerk  
Town of Grand Isle