

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022
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., Brian Barthelemy, Captain Walter Theriot Jr.

ABSENT: Council Member – Lan Tivet, Elgene Gary

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of November 10, 2021, regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of December 8, 2021, regular meeting.

Chief Resweber was recognized and reports on the following: Congratulations to **Officer Walter Maples Jr.** for receiving **2021 Officer of the Year Award.**

Captain Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for November 6, 2021 – January 7, 2022. Total callouts 382, total citations 80, summons/arrest by Grand Isle 2, drug law violation 1, medicals 84. Traffic/Court fines paid \$16, 370.81

Joseph Chauvin with GIS Engineering was recognized and reports on the following projects: **Burrito Repairs Update** – most prone areas will be addressed first. DRC is dredging to fill beach areas. **FEMA Update** – Assisting the Town of Grand Isle with sand and debris removal. **Mayor and Council Request** – working with Jefferson Parish and FEMA on house demolition assistance. Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., and unanimously agreed to amend the GIS Engineering cost \$75,000.00 to close out the year 2021.

Paul Rivera, CPA was recognized and reports on the following projects: **FEMA** – broke out funding of projects into 100% and 90%. The fully funded period is only for the first 45 days after the storm. According to FEMA the town is ahead of schedule and turning in very good data. **Revenues** - The town is faced with a large drop of revenues this year and over the next few years. Loss of revenues will result in 40 plus percent of revenue. FEMA opened the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) program that allows financially stressed communities up to 25% of their current budget.

Ronnie Sampey with Grand Isle Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following project: 1.) House on Medical Lane can the garden club tear it down and use the property to use for two staging areas. Council stated that this request would have to be discussed with our attorney.

Weldon Danos with Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following project: **Hurricane Ida Update** – Damage assessment - \$6.2 million. FEMA Public Assistance Grant Application. GIPC office building plan is to rebuild. **Dredging of Bayou Rigaud/Barataria Bay** – Bucket dredging successfully completed by Navy on 11-21-21, 2200 Feet Total Length, 13.5 Feet Depth. **AOC Grant** – 1.8 million, Application process closes 1-13-22.

Joint motion by Council Members to give approval to the mayor to sign the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) application and resolution.

Motion by Council Member Brian Barthelemy seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., and unanimously agreed to table the request for Lot 9 Blk 1 Grand Beach #11 till next meeting.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed eligibility for benefits for two employees.

Joint motion by Council Members giving approval to GIS Engineering to advertise for bids to repair Multiplex Center and Town Hall Building.

Bill Marcum with Thibodaux WiFi was recognized and reports on the following. .) JP gave access to water tower only needing a letter from Town of Grand Isle . Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr., seconded by Council Member Brian Barthelemy and unanimously agreed to look into this with town attorney.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Four Ford Explorer vehicles to purchase from the Town of Woodworth in the amount of \$90,000.00. Joint Motion was made. 2.) Joint motion was made to move forward with advertising for bids with the intent of purchasing a Petersen Lighting Loader. 3.) Trash/debris is being picked up along state streets and GI streets. Total of 13 trucks are working. 4.) Demolition process will start in Mid- February. Please access JP website to fill application. 5.) Entergy will have outages Thursday & Friday because of disconnection of generators. 6.) Natural Gas has been completed for the island and Cheniere. 7.) Mardi Gras Parade – February 27, 2022 will not be held. Council made a joint motion to cancel. 8.) Jefferson Parish Water Department will put out bids for 2 substations to Lafitte.

Mayor's report: Thanks to the Grand Isle Police Department and Grand Isle Fire Department for always assisting when asked.

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

David J. Camardelle, Mayor
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Secretary
Town of Grand Isle