

**TOWN OF GRAND ISLE
REGULARLY SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Temp Brian Barthelemy who led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Leonard Ray followed with a prayer. Roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Council Members – Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Lan Tivet,
Brian Barthelemy, , Captain Walter Theriot Jr.

ABSENT: Council Member – Elgene Gary

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Melissa Pizani and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of January 26, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to accept the minutes of February 2, 2022 emergency meeting.

Captain Walter Theriot Jr. was recognized and reports on the following for January 22, 2022 – February 4, 2022. Total callouts 44, total citations 9, summons/arrest by Grand Isle 4, medicals 4. Traffic/Court fines paid \$1,123.12

Chris Hernandez – Street Supervisor was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Meeting with Thibodaux Regional Hospital – Donation of money to use at a playground. Donation will go towards the basketball court at Chighizola Park. 2.) Drainage pump stations – parts are still hard to get. Hebert Pump is up and running. Santiny Lane pump had debris in casing. 3.) Cleaning debris from ditches.

Ronnie Sampey with Grand Isle Garden Club was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Garden Club will install post for life jackets when delivered. 2.) Improvements will be done on property on Medical Lane. Fence will be installed and shed will be repaired. 3.) Received a donation of 200 oleanders. 4.) Asked about the utility pole for the property on Medical Lane. Chris stated pole is being built.

Weldon Danos with Grand Isle Port Commission was recognized and reports on the following projects: 1.) Hurricane Ida Update – Damage assessment is \$6.2 million, FEMA virtual inspection is completed. GIPC office building repairs had 4 bids which is due on February 11, 2022. 2.) Port Association of Louisiana – Pal reception was January 25, 2022 in Washington DC. 3.) Bayou Community Foundation – GI needs assessment meeting was February 2, 2022.

Harry (Chip) Cahill Town Attorney was recognized and reports on the following: 1.) Letter for removal of sand in problem area property. 2.) Research on property owners that claim dual homestead exemption for property here in Grand Isle and their place of residence in another city.

RESOLUTION NO. 2810

A resolution to authorize the Mayor of the Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana to request a loan under the Community Disaster Loan Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a maximum amount of \$1,360,892, to receive and manage these funds and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, due to the effects of Hurricane Ida (DR4611-LA), the Town of Grand Isle is projecting substantial revenue losses necessary for the continued operations of essential government services including, but not limited to general government, public safety, culture and recreation and garbage collection services; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), through its Community Disaster Loan Program (CDL Program), makes available low interest loans to help bridge substantial revenue losses until such time as recovery efforts lead to restored revenues sources; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana is interested in submitting to FEMA a consideration request for a Community Disaster Loan in the amount of \$1,360,892, that must be repaid no later than 5 years after the execution of the note, and will be used as revenue in support of annual budgets as permitted by Law; and

WHEREAS, the described laws permits local governments to accept such loan proceeds and anticipate same in support of their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, (1) The interest rate of the loan will be equal to the 5-year maturities based on the United States Treasury obligations in effect on the date the Promissory Note is executed by FEMA; (2) The loan may be forgiven under certain circumstances; and (3) Whatever portion of the loan not forgiven will be repaid at a time when economic recovery has broadened the base of revenues in support of the budget; and

WHEREAS, refraining to accept such a loan would irresponsibly forgo relief available to the residents of the Town of Grand Isle, at a time when relief is critically needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Grand Isle, that the following actions are hereby approved by the Town Council:

- SECTION 1:** The Town Council authorizes the Mayor or his/her authorized representative to begin all the necessary steps to present to FEMA the formal Request for a Loan of the CDL Program for an amount not to exceed \$1,360,892;
- SECTION 2:** If FEMA approves the loan, the Town Council authorizes the Mayor to receive and administer these funds, as provided by the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program;
- SECTION 3:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized and designated as representative of the Town of Grand Isle, Louisiana and as such, may and will provide any additional information, as required, including all the guarantees contained in the request.
- SECTION 4:** With respect to such request and receipt of funds, the Town of Grand Isle, in accordance with the requirements of the Community Disaster Loan Program of FEMA, shall comply with the following:
- A. A contract with FEMA, in a manner and manner acceptable to the Director of the Agency, for payment of the amount requested and compliance with any other obligation required or acquired, as a condition of receiving the loan proceeds.
 - B. Commit re-payment with funds/revenues that the Town of Grand Isle may be receiving in the future.
 - C. Request an amount of funds not to exceed \$1,360,892.
 - D. Authorize the Town Treasurer to create a sinking fund account that will be used to amortize the CDL debt service.
 - E. Establish a payment period that does not exceed a term of five (5) years.
 - F. Provide, at the discretion of the Director of FEMA, any other type of guarantee that it deems appropriate.
- SECTION 5:** That the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign any contract and/or agreement with the Director of FEMA in relation to said request and is also authorized to review and obligate such funds requested pursuant to said contract and/or agreement.

SECTION 6: To the extent that any or all of the actions authorized by this means have been carried out and/or executed by the Mayor, all are ratified and confirmed.

SECTION 7: Any ordinance, resolution or any of its parts that may be in conflict with this, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: We pledge the following listed collateral security to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on the Promissory Note for a Community Disaster Loan for \$1,360,892 executed on this date pursuant to Section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, and the FEMA Regulation, 44 CFR 206, Subpart K.

We further understand that failure to repay any outstanding principal and related interest on those portions of the loan which do not qualify for loan cancellation as determined by FEMA or any successor agency will result in forfeiture of as much as the listed collateral security as is necessary to collect such outstanding principal and interest (Collateral security listed below).

The promissory note is payable from and secured by a pledge of the applicant's revenues for each fiscal year while any of the loan is outstanding, after a provision has been made for the payments required in connection with any outstanding indebtedness of the application.

SECTION 9: A Copy of this Resolution duly approved by the Town Council will be sent to the Town Clerk, to the Town Treasurer, to the Town Attorney, and to the authorized officials of FEMA Community Disaster Loans Program and any other agency with interference in the process.

SECTION 10: This resolution will take effect immediately once signed by the Mayor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Town Council met on January 12, 2022, to approve the Mayor's signature on the CDL application, to sign the agreements and contracts noted above, and to make application to the State Bond Commission for approval for incurring debt, as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

This resolution is offered jointly by Council Members.

Vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Melissa Pizani, Kelly Besson Jr., Brian Barthelemy, Lan Tivet

NAYS:

ABSENT: Elgene Gary

This resolution was declared adopted this 12th day of January 2022.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to adjust the general fund over budget item.

Motion by Council Member Melissa Pizani seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to adjust the GIPD budget.

Motion by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr seconded by Council Member Lan Tivet and unanimously agreed to send a letter of no objection for Spring Holdings, LLC Dock with the stipulation to continue to get all necessary permits needed.

Council Member Lan Tivet request/report: 1.) Need an ordinance to protect our poles needing to remove signs. 2.) Discussion about golf carts having the owners make them street legal. Possibly changing the speed limit throughout the island to 25 mph.

Council Member Brian Barthelemy request/report: 1.) Beach has fixed itself in different areas. Four crossing are passable - Boudreaux Lane, Capital Lane, Chighizola Lane, Birch Lane. 2.) Ditch digging will be done in sections. GIS is marking areas to dig.

3.)Grand Isle School will open February 21, 2022 if inspection is passed. 4.) Concrete that is broken on side of road is causing a problem FEMA will not pick up the concrete.

Motion by Council Member Lan Tivet seconded by Council Member Kelly Besson Jr. and unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Brian Barthelemy, Mayor Pro Temp
Town of Grand Isle

ATTESTED:

Janet Scardino, Secretary
Town of Grand Isle