



**Town Of Pearl River  
Council Meeting  
August 15, 2017**

The following minutes were taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on August 15, 2017 at the Town Hall in Pearl River. Mayor McQueen called the meeting to order at 7:05p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen Walsh, Cutrer and Bennett were present. Also present were Attorney Mathison, Deputy Chief, Danny Hunter filled in for Chief Jennings and the Town Clerk, Carla Benelli. Aldermen Phillips and McGregor were absent.

Alderman Cutrer gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

Mayor McQueen called for approval of the minutes from the Regular Council meeting held on July 18, 2017. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept the meeting minutes seconded by Alderman Cutrer.

**All in Favor. So Moved.**

**SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

Jessica Gauley spoke about the Pearl River Clean Sweep coming up on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All volunteers will meet at 9am and hit the water at 10am. She is asking for volunteers with boats too. Jessica also spoke about her concerns regarding outside kayaking companies launching from the Pearl River boat launch. She discussed their poor and unsafe practices along with how these companies are damaging the river and its inhabitation. Jessica asked the mayor and the council to please consider denying outside kayaking companies an Occupational License because of the total disrespect for our town and our river.

Alan Zaunbrecher, running for District Judge for St. Tammany and Washington Parishes spoke to the council and the citizens about his experience, accomplishments and background.

Alderman Bennett recognized Mr. Johnny Livingston who had recently passed. She read a long list of Mr. Livingston's achievements, she and Mayor McQueen presented his family with a bouquet of roses and framed certificate of appreciation for his dedication to the town and its citizens.

A.G. Crowe with Shop Local USA spoke to the council.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor McQueen introduced talked about Ordinance # "Credit Card Policy"

Mayor McQueen introduced amended ordinance #16-12-12A "2017 Budget".

**COMMENTS & REPORTS:**

**Legislative Comments and reports**

Alderman Bennett

Alderman Cutrer reminded everyone about the Night Out Against crime being held on October 13<sup>th</sup> for 6pm to 9pm. She also spoke about Dollar Generals Customer Appreciation month.

**CHIEF OF POLICE:**

Deputy Chief, Danny Hunter

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Gene Bellisario spoke about the heavy rains that St. Tammany Parish has had this month. He talked about the street flooding

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5:**

Not Present

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**

No business

**FIRE DISTRICT 11:**

Chiefs Report: EMS = 47, MVA = 2, Vehicle Fire = 1, False Alarm = 4, Gas Leak = 1, Wiring Issue = 1 for a total of 62 calls.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

Not Present

**MAYOR:**

Mayor McQueen talked about losing two of the town's largest businesses; Mirror Image who has already moved out of the town and Alexander's which is closing down.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

MEETING ADJOURNED  
AT p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2017.

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Carla Benelli, Town Clerk

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Honorable Clarence McQueen, Mayor