



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and so called to order by Mayor McQueen at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Alderman Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Alderman Walsh, McGregor, Bennett, along with Mayor McQueen, Attorney Mathison. Absent: Alderman Galloway, Lee, Chief Sessions and Attorney Daigle.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor McQueen stated this special meeting was in reference to giving permission to the Pearl River Lion's Club to sell alcohol at the Honey Island Swamp Festival being held on September 14, 2019 in front of Town Hall.

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion for discussion. Alderman Bennett made the motion to open discussion to issue a permit to the Lions club to sell alcohol at the Honey Island Swamp Festival, seconded by Alderman McGregor. The Mayor then asked the Council if they had anything they wanted to say on this. Alderman Walsh stated she was not in favor of it but was wondering if the Pearl River Lions Club wanted to talk on this matter. Mayor McQueen then told the Council that the alcohol would not be sold on Town property it would be sold on private property and that it would be beer only. Steve Conravy, stated he was the Treasurer of the Pearl River Lion's Club and on the planning committee for the Honey Island Swamp Festival; he informed the Council that only beer would be sold on Matthew Craddock's property and it would be 300 feet from the churches and the Town's playground.

He stated that all the proceeds from the festival go to charitable causes for the Lion's Club and the Town gets a festival. He noted to the Council that all the vendors at the festival will be non-profit. He told the Council that some of the funds this year would be used for the Lion's Club building for repairs and upgrades. Mr Conravy asked if anyone had any questions. Jason Livingston asked without the sale of beer what would it do to the festival. Mr. Conravy stated most festivals have beer and without the beer there would be less attendance. Alderman Bennett stated the beer was the largest profit that the festival makes. Debbie Hebert asked Steve Conravy if selling beer would bring money back to the community. He said yes because some of the monies collected go to scholarships for high school

students. Attorney Mathison asked the Council if they were making the permit for the Pearl River Lion's Club a no charge permit. Alderman Bennett rescinded the previous motion and made a new motion to allow the Pearl River Lion's Club to sell alcohol at the Honey Island Swamp Festival with no cost for the permit, seconded by Alderman McGregor. Mayor McQueen asked the Council all in favor, Alderman Walsh- Yea, Alderman McGregor- Yea and Alderman Bennett- Yea. **All in Favor. So Moved.** Mayor McQueen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and called the meeting adjourned.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 6:25 P.M.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2019.**


Cheryl K. Schultheis


Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen