



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 16, 2019 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was given by Pastor Terry Hoyt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Alderman Galloway, Walsh, McGregor, Lee, Bennett, Chief Sessions, along with Mayor McQueen, Attorney Mathison and Attorney Daigle. Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for June 18, 2019. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Walsh. **All in favor. So moved.**

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

Bryan Haggerty, candidate for Slidell City Court Judge.

**INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor McQueen introduced Ordinance 16-07-19-1 Littering and Ordinance 16-07-19-2 Sewer Use Prohibition- Port-O-Lets.

Mayor McQueen informed the public that a Public Hearing will be held on these Ordinances on August 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- **Alderman Walsh- Fourth of July**

Alderman Walsh acknowledged the sponsors for the Fourth of July event with a "Sponsor" placard she placed in the Council Meeting chambers to thank them. She also thanked the volunteers for helping and attending making the Fourth of July Celebration a great success. **Mayor McQueen** also thanked all the volunteers and the businesses. He then stated because of

the businesses this event did not cost the Town a dime and he truly appreciates all their contributions.

Alderman Walsh stated that Alderman Lee and herself are working on having an "Entire Town Garage Sale" that would be held on November 9, 2019. This garage sale would help raise money to support next year's Fourth of July Celebration.

- **Alderman Lee- Fourth of July Celebration**

Alderman Lee wanted to thank everyone for helping with the Fourth of July Celebration and that it was a great success. Alderman Lee thanked the businesses for their contributions making the festival free for the Town. He noted to the Council that July 3<sup>rd</sup> will fall on a Friday next year and it should be bigger and better.

- **Alderman Bennett- The Honey Island Swamp Festival**

Alderman Bennett notified the residents that the Honey Island Swamp Festival would be Saturday, September 14, 2019. She stated due to the leasing of the property where the festival was held for the past two years (Kelly Barber Property on Pump Slough Road) the festival will be held in front of Town Hall and surrounding street locations on Willis Alley.

Alderman Bennett then notified the council and residents of a Softball tournament that will held this Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 8:00 am for Xavier McKay a five year old diagnosed with cancer.

- **Alderman Galloway- Blood Drive**

Alderman Galloway stated that Jesus Name Apostolic Church held a blood drive for an eleventh grader on July 6, 2019 that was diagnosed with cancer and that the blood drive turnout was a great success.

Alderman Galloway announced that on July 27, 2019 from 10:00 am to 12:00pm Jesus Named Apostolic Church will be giving out school backpacks with school supplies for anyone that needs them for their children.

- **Alderman McGregor- Care Box**

Alderman McGregor stated the second care box was placed at the Methodist Church.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- **Police Chief**

Chief Sessions stated that from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2019 there were 85 citations written and out of those 24 were warnings.

Chief Session discussed a meeting that was held by him and his officers.

Alderman Lee asked Chief Sessions if there was something that could be done with the traffic at the high school to make Peach Street less dangerous for the students walking home. Chief Sessions stated he would have to get with the Mayor.

- **Mayor**

Mayor McQueen stated we could make Peach Street and Tupelo a one way street during school hours if the Council wanted to try it. He suggested to Chief Sessions that they could meet over on Peach to figure

out the best way to conduct the flow of traffic. Mayor McQueen told the Council he was meeting with the Engineer and Cleco tomorrow on Peach Street to see if they could move two electric poles in order to save the Town from acquiring any land on Peach Street to widen the road and put sidewalks in. Mayor McQueen gave an update on the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge. He stated that the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge has not gone out for bids. The company that did the abstracts for the parish messed up the paperwork and we are in the process now of getting everything straight. The Mayor stated he did not see the bridge going out for bid until October. The Mayor noted that he was meeting with Parish President Pat Brister next Friday on the bridge but did not think it would change anything.

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Not Present

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5:**

Peter Finger stated 5<sup>th</sup> District appreciated doing the Fourth of July Celebration booth he felt it was a success.

He reminded the Council that elections were coming up.

**FIRE DISTRICT #11:**

58 - EMS

7-MVA

10- Good Intent

2- Grass Fires

7- Dispatched /Cancelled

1-False Alarm

75- Total

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

Donna Christopher informed the Council they had a meeting on July 2, 2019 and an application from Shane & Helene Fleming was submitted to them for the subdividing of the property located on the corner of Pine Street and Calhoun Street. Mr. Fleming is planning on building a house there and wants to divide the property. A Public Hearing is being held on July 23, 2019 for the property at which time the Flemings will present a survey that is currently being done by JV Burke's.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

Mike Winkler informed the Council the School Board passed a \$2000.00 dollar raise for teachers; \$1000.00 dollars coming from state and the other \$1000.00 dollars coming from local. All other employees will receive a \$500.00 dollar from state and \$700.00 from local starting this year.

He stated the sidewalks that are being worked on behind the high school and in front of the school will go all the way to the softball field and some handicapped parking will be put in. Then the sidewalks will go all the way to the cafeteria. All the sidewalks should be finished within the next three weeks for the start of school.

Alderman Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Walsh. All in favor. So moved.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
AT 7:55 P.M.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16th DAY OF JULY 2019.

  
Cheryl K. Schultheis

  
Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen