



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
July 29, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and so called to order by Mayor McQueen at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Alderman Galloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

ROLL CALL:

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

DISCUSSION:

Mayor McQueen introduced the re-subdivision of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Square 5, Calhoun Subdivision for discussion. Lola Monroe asked the Council why this meeting was being called. Alderman Walsh explained it was for discussion purposes only and nothing was being voted on. Alderman Lee told Mrs. Lola that he called the special meeting in order to discuss the traffic flow from the high school and to make some of the streets one way in the morning and evening to help with the traffic.


Helene Fleming asked Attorney Mathison if he was checking into the property. Attorney Mathison told the Council there were two issues: One issue being the Subdivision Plot of September 1972 shows the property to be three lots but when Glendon Fleming purchased the property from Barney Bennett in 1973 the Plot plan showed the property as one lot measuring 116 x 249. With this information it shows that the Public Records are not consistent with each other. Attorney Mathison stated the Town will rely on the latest Public Record from 1973 (the one showing one lot measuring 116 x 249). The second issue is the minimum size of the lot 90 x 120. If JV Burkes moves the property pin one foot to the north on the new survey it would give the Flemings two lots with one lot being 120 x 116 and the other lot would be 129 x 116 at no cost to the Flemings. Attorney Mathison noted the purpose for this meeting was to inform the Council members to be aware of the fact that the Fleming's received a R-1-A zoning paper from the Town that stated the minimum size of a lot was to be 90 x 130 but in the Municode it states that the lot size is to be 90 x 120. Mrs. Helene Fleming stated there was a lot of confusion but she has faith with Attorney Mathison everything will be resolved and the subdividing of the property can be done.

Mayor McQueen introduced the new route for the Pearl River High School traffic would be heading north to Pine Street making Tupelo Street a one way north, Oak Street a one way to Venture Street, and Peach Street a one way to Pine Street during the hours of 6:45 am to 8:00 am and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm school days only. Courtney Crawford asked if this route would pertain to bus drivers. Alderman Lee told Mrs. Crawford it was for all traffic. Mrs. Crawford relayed her concerns for time delay and the dismissal of her bus from Creekside to get to the high school. Roy Yates informed the Council that the St. Tammany School Board forbid buses leaving Creekside Jr. High to use Rebel Lane due to a bus and car accident that happened last year on Rebel Lane. Alderman Walsh suggested to Mrs. Crawford to go down further on Pine Street and use one of the other side streets that cross over to Oak Street. Mrs. Crawford responded that if the Town initiates the new route it would cause traffic accidents and cause a time delay.

Maria Lee stated she disagreed with that statement that the new route would only effect a couple of drivers in the afternoon only with a time delay of four minutes in which the bus driver would still be on time at the high school to pick up students. Alderman Lee reiterated this route is for the safety of the students that are walking home and he feels the route needs to be in place before school starts on August 9, 2019. Roy Yates asked the Council in the future would they consider making Rebel Lane a one way from the football field to HWY 41. Mayor McQueen stated it would take some time and money but he would like to fill in the big ditch on Rebel Lane and that way the parents could pull over on the side of the road and this solution would eliminate a lot of the problems with the traffic. He said at this time with his limited budget and manpower the new route will have to be the solution for now. Courtney Crawford asked Mike Winkler if the school could hold the walkers until after the buses left. Mr. Winkler stated the high school could not hold the walkers. Deputy Hunter stated that an officer would be on site to aid in the traffic flow until the students, parents and bus drivers became use to the route. Mayor McQueen thanked everyone for attending the Special Meeting and for their input.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 9:45 A.M.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 29th DAY OF JULY 2019.**


Cheryl K. Schultheis


Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen