



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
October 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and called to order by Mayor Lee at 7:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was given by Alderman Galloway.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Lee.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Alderman Phillips, Franatovich, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee, Attorney Mathison, and Chief Sessions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the September 19, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Moray, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

**Ordinance Introductions:**

**Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (A) Tree Ordinance**

**Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (B) Sidewalk Ordinance**

**Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (C) Burn Ordinance**

**There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on November 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

**Resolution Introduction: R23-10-02 Final Plat Approval – Taylor Pointe Subdivision**

**There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on November 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

Ordinance No. 23-09-19 – An ordinance setting the speed limits on streets in Magnolia Ridge Subdivision. Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

**Discussion Item – Keesler Federal Credit Union; represented by Kevin Estrade, presented the “Law Enforcement of The Year Award” to Officer Cameron Hillhouse.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee:** allowed Brian Glorioso to outline his qualifications as State Representative for District 90.

**Mayor Lee:** Thanks to Maria for the fall decorations. Night Out against crime has a great turnout. We are in the process of capital outlay funds to assist with the drainage project.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Schultheis:** Reminder about Trunk or treat; Alderman Galloway - 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sensory day; Acknowledge to Mayor Lee as to how much he has done since taking office. Mayor Lee: Tim Moray will be working on getting the gazabo rebuilt in the park. Alderman Phillips: Drainage – Are we going to wait on Capital Outlay fund to begin? Per Mayor Lee we will begin and if funds are received, we will apply them where it is necessary. We should start on Holmes Street where the culverts are only 12”.

**POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:**

**Capt. David Dean gave the August 2023 monthly report: See attached for complete report.**

Capt. Dean presented a commendation award to Officer Michael Davis for going above and beyond the call of duty.

**FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – See attached for complete report.**

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – Virgil Phillips:** The Museum Board is currently re-organizing and needs board members.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –SKIP PHILLIPS:** Moving forward Tara Jimenez will be giving reports. In need of 2 board members. The South side boat launch has been re-graded. Working on the no parking issue with the big trucks.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – MIKE SMITH:** Overview of the projects throughout the Parish. The parish had a plan to hire the constables as code enforcers. The Town of Pearl River may want to consider the same type of plan.

**SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON:** No Representative

**PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS:** Board has been working hard. Working on R1A waterway. Tree Ordinance currently in place with a tree board being revised. Would like Planning and Zoning to be able to attend some of the LMA conventions.

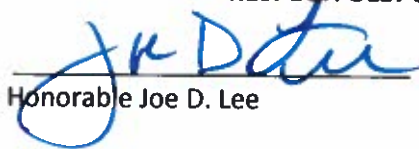
Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

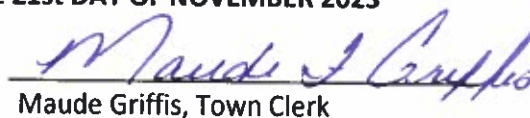
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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 7:47 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk





# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

## **The Month of September**

Total Calls Handled: 1,667

Open Investigations: 4

### **Notable Incidents**

On September 10, Pearl River Officers investigated an Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. During the course of the investigation, the Officers learned that the victim and the perpetrator got into a verbal altercation. The victim then advised that the perpetrator retrieved a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the victim stating he would shoot the victim. Pearl River Detectives identified the perpetrator and obtained a warrant for his arrest.

### **Notable Arrest**

On September 20, Pearl River Officers conducted a traffic stop on Spur 41. During the traffic stop, the Officers discovered that the driver and passenger were in possession of 21 (4 grams a piece) bags of marijuana and three cell phones. The Officers were able to obtain search warrants for the phone and discovered that both the passenger and driver were selling marijuana in the Pearl River area. Both subjects were placed under arrest for Possession with the Intent to Distribute.

On September 26, 2023, at 8:13am a student at Pearl River High school posted a threat on a school laptop. The school administration along with the school resource officer (SRO), immediately removed the student from class and isolated the student from all belongings and other students.

The school administrators and SRO performed a search of the student and all belongings where it was determined the student did not have any

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suspicious items. After the school administrators interviewed the student and received a handwritten statement, it was determined there was no danger to the school or students. At no time did the school administration or the school resource Officer believe and students or staff where in any danger

## Arrests

Total Arrest: 27      Felony: 10      Misdemeanor: 17      Juvenile:6  
DWI Arrest: 2      Arrest Warrants: 2      Search Warrants:1

Narcotic Arrest: 5      Narcotic seized: 2 grams of Methamphetamine.

Weapons Seized: 2

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 332(266 of which were for speeding, 2 in a school zone)



# ***ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11***

**Jack Dockery, Fire Chief**

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October 17, 2023

## Chiefs Report

For September 2023

EMS	63
MVA	12
Service / GI	11
Dispatched / Cancel	10
False Alarm	2
Grass/ wood Fire	7
Police Matter	4
Total	109

# St. Tammany Parish Burn Ordinance

## SEC. 8-018.01 Exceptions

**EDITORIAL NOTATION:** New Section 8-018.01 added to the Code of Ordinances under the authority of Ordinance No. 91-1415, adopted 03/21/91.

The ordinance does **NOT** allow burning of household trash and garbage, nor does it permit burning of any sort of land clearing and/or construction sites. No materials that create black smoke, such as; tires, rubber, asphalt, plastics and petroleum products may be used to accelerate the fire.

It should also be understood by the property owner that even if the fire is not in violation of the parish code, it may still be a violations of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's "Air Quality Regulations." Compliance with the parish ordinances is no protection against being cited/fined by the D.E.Q.

### ***Regulations are:***

The fire shall not be greater than 8 ft. in diameter.

The height of burning material shall not be greater than 4 ft.

Burning shall only occur between sunrise and one hour before sunset.

The fire site shall be attended at all times.

A functional water hose attached to an operating water supply shall be located next to the fire.

The fire site shall be at least 10 ft. from the property line.

There shall be no more than one fire site per home site or parcel of land.

The fire shall be located at least 50 ft. from any structure. If closer than 50 ft., a container must be used.

The proceeding information is for information purposes only. It is not a burn permit, nor does it give you permission to burn in violation of local or state regulations. In times of drought or low rainfall the parish may choose to limit or outlaw burning.

For more information contact St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11 at 985.863.3132 or visit [www.pearlriverfire.org](http://www.pearlriverfire.org)

(B) Notwithstanding Section 8-018.01 herein, a violation of any of the above restrictions may result in [the] fire site being considered a fire hazard under this chapter. (Ord. No. 91-1415, adopted 03/21/91)

