



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 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 December 20, 2022, Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Phillips. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Phillips. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the January 9, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS:

- a. Ordinance No. 16-11-21 (F) – An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.
- b. Ordinance No. 22-12-20 (A) – An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.
- c. Ordinance No. 23-02-21 (A) – An ordinance relative to surplus property.
- d. Ordinance No.23-02-21 (B) –An ordinance relative to vacation and sick leave benefits for Town Employees.

- e. Ordinance No. 23-02-21 (C) – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Growth Management, Annexation, and Revenue Sharing Agreement between St. Tammany Parish Government, Sales Tax District No.3, and the Town of Pearl River.
- f. Ordinance No. 23-02-21 (D) – An ordinance relative to the re-subdivision of property located at 39123 Craddock Lane as requested by Catherine Craddock Seals.

There will be a Public Hearing on these ordinances on March 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. R23-02-01 – Fence Ordinance Variance Request – 160 Moldander Court – Kent Demara
Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**
- b. R23-02-02 – Reappointing Eugene Swann to Fire District 11 Board of Commissioners
Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**
- c. R23-02-03 – Adopting the 2022 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire
Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Galloway. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**
- d. R23-02-04 – Accepting the Fiscal Year 2021 audit by Richard CPAs: Todd Tournillon: explained the audit process prior to the vote. Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee

Mayor Lee: Thanked all involved with the success of the Pearl River Parade. Upcoming events for March are the Town Clean-Up on 03/18/2023 and the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Connie Cares, Jubilee and the Town of Pearl River on 03/25/2023

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman

Alderman Schultheis: gave the floor to Danny Bourgeois – Discussed ideas for grant writing to increase revenue for the Police Department. Alderman Galloway: Invited all to the Easter Egg hunt as well as requested volunteers to help make baskets; Alderman Phillips: Discussed the upcoming needs for water tower. Estimated cost as well as any ideas for a source of revenue; Alderman Moray: Clarified plans for clean up day. The park will also be included. Alderman Franatovich: Also working to get assistance in grant writing.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions

Capt. Dean gave the January 2023 monthly report:

Calls-1655	Felony- 9	Search Warrants- 23
Open Investigations- 13	Misdemeanor- 22	Narcotic Arrest- 7
Tickets- 225	DWI Arrest- 0	Juvenile- 4
Arrest- 31	Arrest Warrants- 11	

Narcotics seized: 1 gram of Methamphetamines, 4 THC Vapes, 1 crushed Suboxone, 14 grams of Marijuana
The Notable Incidents and Arrests in reference to recent crimes were discussed in the report.

**FIRE DISTRICT #11 –No Representative
Report Provided**

EMS	61	Grass Fire	3	Police Matter	1
MVA	3	Service / GI	10	TOTAL	97
Structure Fire	2	Dispatched /Cancelled	10		
Vehicle Fire	1	False Alarm	6		

HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – Jessica Hanna
Discussed upcoming Earth Dayish Event.

RECREATION DISTRICT #5– No Representative

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT 9 – No Representative

SCHOOL BOARD – No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – No Representative

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 7:55 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH 2023


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk


Honorable Joe D. Lee