



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 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.

**SPECIAL GUEST: Ray Garafolo -Candidate for State Senator**

Gave a detailed outline of his platform, which included his efforts to lower insurance rates.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the February 23, 2023 Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

**RESOLUTION: R23-03-01- A resolution appointing Tim Mathison as Mayor's Court prosecutor.**

Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Nay; **So moved.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. Ordinance No. 16-11-21 (F) – An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022 budget.  
Alderman Galloway, made the motion to postpone until March 28, 2023 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. Ordinance No. 22-12-20 (A) – An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.  
Alderman Galloway, made the motion to postpone until March 28, 2023 seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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. Ordinance No. 23-02-21 (A) – An ordinance relative to surplus property.

Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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. Ordinance No.23-02-21 (B) –An ordinance relative to vacation and sick leave benefits for Town Employees.

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.**

- 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.

Alderman Schultheis, made the 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**

- 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.

Alderman Schultheis, made the 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**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee**

Mayor Lee: The Town clean up on 03/18/23 was successful. Appr 40 people volunteered. 67 bags of trash were collected compared to 126 last year. “Less is better” Thanks to all the volunteers as well as the Police Dept, Jimmy Wallace for escorting and Brian Phillips who has agreed to help coordinate the clean up next year. Special thanks to AWG for providing the food and the Lions Club for cooking lunch; Reminder that the Easter Egg Hunt is March 25, 2023; We will also be starting the project to block off Willis Alley, the drawings for this project will be posted on face book. Tara Jimenez will be attending school to learn to write grants.

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman**

Alderman Schultheis; gave the floor to Danny Bourgeois, He has been in contact with Senator Kennedy’s office in reference to available grants. Once the grant proposal is completed and reviewed by the policy division it can be submitted for consideration. Alderman Galloway; Coordinated with the PRPD to provide a presence at the Easter egg hunt, request for the Alderman to volunteer. Shirts will be provided. Special thanks to Maria Lee, Mr. Chris and the Jubilee as well as the ladies that participated in the clean up. Alderman Moray; Special events need to be advertised better; possibly a digital sign; Brian Phillips offered to place it in front of his building located on Hwy 41. Mayor Lee: reminder that the Lions Club annual golf tournament will be held on May 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm at the Royal Golf Course. Alderman Franatovich; Also agrees that more advertising needs to be done for meetings as well as special events. Alderman Phillips; Challenged everyone to participate in the comfort reading program at Riverside Elementary. Requested that information be sent out to notify the residents of the meter project that is currently in process.

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

##### **Capt. Dean gave the February 2023 monthly report:**

Calls- 1655	Felony- 16	Search Warrants- 15
Open Investigations- 15	Misdemeanor- 46	Narcotic Arrest- 20
Tickets- 184	DWI Arrest- 1	Juvenile-10
Arrest- 64	Arrest Warrants-5	

Narcotic seized: 68 grams of Marijuana, 10 THC Vapes, 2 Hydrocodone and 2 grams of Crack Cocaine  
Weapons Seized: 3, (1) 9mm Glock, (1) AR 15 pistol and (1) 12 gauge

**Notable Incidents:** Successful Mardi Gras season; No major incidents

**Notable Arrests:** 02/12/2023 PRPD responded to a shooting on Calhoun. A 12 gauge shot gun was recovered. The victim was transported to the hospital and expected to make a full recovery. On 02/20/2023 Officers responded to a subject brandishing a handgun in Messer's Trailer Park, The subject was located at the Chevron Gas Station. During the investigation, they discovered a concealed handgun as well as an AR 15 pistol and 34 grams of marijuana.

**FIRE DISTRICT #11 –**

EMS - 61	Service / GI -7	Police Matter - 8
MVA - 4	Dispatched/Cancelled - 10	TOTAL = 88
Vehicle Fire -2	False Alarm - 1	

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – No Representative**

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5– No Representative**

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 –** Community meeting are held the last Thursday of each month at the levee building on Military Rd at 6:30 pm. Discussed the upcoming election that includes a tax renewal for the Coroner's office to help fight the Opioid problem. Clean up project began in Gum Bayou. These permits will be open for 5 years. The plan is to continue to renew the permits to keep them open. Unified Development Code is in the process of being rewritten. This code determines what is built and where.

**SCHOOL BOARD – No Representative**

**PLANNING & ZONING – No Representative**

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 8:30 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18th DAY OF April 2023**

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee