



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 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.

**Audit Presentation:** Richard CPAs – Represented by Todd Tournillon – 2022 Audit has been completed and submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditors Office. The scope of the audit includes an opinion on the financial statements; separate reports are also given for internal control over financial reporting and Louisiana Legislative auditors statewide agreed upon procedures.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the October 10, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Phillips, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. 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.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the October 17, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Phillips. 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.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the November 7, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis, 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 Introduction:**

- (a) Ordinance No. 23-11-21 (A) – An ordinance relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.
- (b) Ordinance No. 23-11-21 (B) – An ordinance annexing approximately 327 acres of land and rezoning same from Parish A-2, Suburban to Town B-3, Highway Commercial.

**There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on October 17, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at Town Hall.**

**Public Hearings:**

- (a) Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (A) – Tree Ordinance

Alderman Galloway, made the motion to table this ordinance, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. 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.**

- (b) Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (B) – Sidewalk Ordinance

Alderman Galloway, made the motion to table this ordinance, seconded by Alderman Phillips. 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.**

- (c) Ordinance No. 23-10-17 (C) – Burn Ordinance

Alderman Galloway, made the motion to table this ordinance, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. 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.**

- (d) Resolution R23-10-02 – Taylor Pointe Subdivision Final Plat Approval

Alderman Schultheis, made the motion to table this resolution, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. 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 – Alderman Phillips:** Serious truck parking problem starting at the Pilot Truck Stop as well as the boat launch. On average there are 3-6 trucks parked overnight. Ordinance #71-09 may have to be revisited. In addition to the parking problem the truckers are throwing their trash out the windows. Pizza boxes, etc. Alderman Phillips suggested that the police start writing tickets to deter the truckers from parking and littering. Mayor Lee stated that no parking signs will be installed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee:** Thanked planning and zoning for all the hard work. Trunk or treat was a huge success thanks to Kristy and Cheryl. Reminder of the upcoming Christmas program on December 8, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. The schools will each have a tree to decorate as well as fireworks and toys with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Schultheis** thanked all who helped with the trunk or treat. Special thanks to Brian Phillips. Request to we keep all that have lost family members in your prayers during the holiday season. Alderman Galloway: Thanks to the town for the help with Connie Cares 2<sup>nd</sup> annual sensory day. The art students from Pearl River High will be painting a swamp scene mural in the park. Special thanks to Officer Peter Hermann for his assistance with Ms. Ann. Alderman Moray: Special thanks to the Lions Club for all they do. Alderman Franatovich: Thanks to all who participated in the Trunk or Treat as well as to the planning and zoning commission for the hard work. Anyone wishing to donate to the animal shelter contact Kristy Franatovich. Alderman Phillips: Thanks to the mayor we have new sidewalks on Church Street.

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

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

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

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – VIRGIL PHILLIPS:** No report at this time. Mayor Lee thanked the board members for hosting a breakfast for the veterans.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –TARA JIMENEZ: No Representative**

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – MIKE SMITH: No Representative**

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

**PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS:** Currently in need of 1 Board Member and 2 Alternates

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

**CD's available to purchase.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 19th DAY OF DECEMBER 2023**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jack Sessions, Chief of Police*

## **The Month of October, 2023**

Total Calls Handled: 1801

Open Investigations: 4

### **Notable Incidents**

The Pearl River Police Department successfully completed the 2023 Halloween season with no major incidents. Pearl River Police Reserve Offices attended the Truck or Treat event, and the entire Pearl River Police Department attended the events on Halloween Night. It was a safe and successful event.

The Pearl River Police Department would like to welcome our newest hire, Officer Seth Kuchler. Officer Kuchler has 6 years working with the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office. Officer Kuchler is currently in the FTO program and will be released to patrol on his own very soon.

### **Notable Arrest**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Officers responded to an aggravated assault. A Rent-A-Center employee arrived at a residence to either collect unpaid rent or to retrieve Rent-A-Center property. When the Rent-A-Center employee arrived at the residence, the perpetrator pointed a Glock 22 handgun and threatened the employee, who then contacted the police. Officers arrived moments later and located the perpetrator, placing him under arrest for Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. The Officers were able to locate the Glock 22 along with an AR-15 rifle.

### **Arrests**

Total Arrest: 19      Felony: 5      Misdemeanor: 9      Juvenile: 4  
DWI Arrest: 5      Arrest Warrants: 4      Search Warrants: 1  
Narcotic Arrest: 4      Narcotic seized: 19 grams of Marijuana.  
Weapons Seized: 1 AR 15 and 1 Glock  
Currency Seized: 0.

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Total Citations: 394(330 of which were for speeding)



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

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## Chiefs Report

For October 2023

EMS	70
MVA	6
Service / GI	7
Dispatched / Cancel	6
False Alarm	3
Grass/ wood Fire	6
Police Matter	4
Structure Fire	2 1 mutual aid STFPD 7
Total	104