



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2024, 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, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee and Attorney Mathison; Absent Alderman Franatovich and Chief Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the December 19, 2024, 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 Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance Introduction –

- a. Ordinance No. 24-01-16 (A) – An Ordinance establishing a zoning classification of R-4 regulating Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds.
- b. Ordinance No. 24-01-16 (B) – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 03-16-17 allowing for inspections of mobile homes more than 15 years old. **There will be a Public Hearing on these Ordinances on February 20, 2024, at Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

Resolutions

R 24-01-01 – A Resolution appointing Bruce Bennett to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion made by Alderman Galloway to table this resolution; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

7. Tabled Items –

- a. Ordinance No. 23-10-17(A) – Tree Ordinance: Alderman Galloway made a motion take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor. Alderman Schultheis made motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor

b. Ordinance No. 23-10-17-(B) - Sidewalk Ordinance: Alderman Galloway made a motion take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor. Alderman Schultheis made motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor

c. Ordinance No. 23-10-17(C) - Burn Ordinance: Alderman Galloway made a motion to take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor. Alderman Schultheis made motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor

d. Resolution R23-12-02 – Taylor Pointe Subdivision Final Plat Approval: Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

e. Ordinance No. 23-11-21(B) – An ordinance relative to annexing approximately 327 acres of land and rezoning same from Parish A-2, Suburban to Town B-3, Central Business as petitioned by AW Hopewell Properties, L.L.C.; Presentation made by Attorney Paul Mayronne outlining the details of the proposed R.V. Park. Alderman Galloway made a motion to take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor. Alderman Schultheis made motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee: Thanks to all who participated in the Christmas program. It was very successful. Traffic study will begin on the State Highways. The drainage project will begin soon. The Town clean is scheduled on March 16th and the Easter Program will be on March 23, 2024

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Phillips: reminder of the Lion’s Club Parade.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:
Capt. David Dean gave the December 2023 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

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

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –TARA JIMENEZ: No Representative

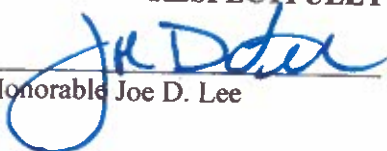
PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – DAVID COUGLE: Discussed various projects in process through St Tammany Parish.

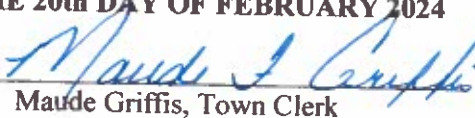
SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS: No report at this time.

**CD’s available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:20 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



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Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of December

Total Calls Handled: ~~2,217~~
2,158

Open Investigations: 4

Notable Incidents

On December 25, Pearl River Police Department responded to a Business Burglary at Gators Daiquiri. The perpetrator broke into the business, stealing cash along with 3 expensive Pool Sticks. The Officers were able to obtain video of the incident. On the following day, Officers responded to Auto Theft at St. Tammany Residential Waste company. The Officers obtained video of the Auto Theft and were able to identify the perpetrator as the same subject that had broken into Gators Daiquiri. With the public's assistance, Captain Dean was able to identify and obtain an arrest warrant for the perpetrator. On December 28, Chief Session and Captain Dean established surveillance of the perpetrator's residence, located in New Orleans. While waiting for New Orleans Police to arrive on the scene, Chief Session and Captain Dean observed the perpetrators exit the residence. Fearing that the perpetrator was about to leave, Chief Session and Captain Dean apprehend the perpetrator, awaiting NOPD to arrive. The subject was placed under arrest and with the assistance of NOPD a Search Warrant was executed at the residence. While conducting a search of the residence, Officers located evidence that connects the perpetrator to the crime. It should also be noted that STRW vehicle was recovered during the investigation.

Notable Arrest

On December 6, while patrolling, a Pearl River Police Officer observed a SUV stopped at the red light at Hwy 41 and Hwy 3081. Upon further

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observation, the Officer noticed that the vehicle's license plate light was not functional. Based on the violation, the Officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. During the course Officers investigation, the Officer learned that the driver, a juvenile, was wanted by the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office for Aggravated Burglary and Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile. As the Officer was placing the juvenile under arrest, the Officer observed in plain view an AR 15 style pistol on the passenger side floor board. The juvenile was placed under arrest for his warrants and additionally charged by the Pearl River Police Department for Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile.

On December 7, while conducting traffic enforcement, a Pearl River Police Officer, clocked a Chevy Cobalt traveling 64 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. Based on the traffic violation, the Officer conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop investigation, it was discovered that the driver was a juvenile. It should also be noted that during the course of the investigation the Officer smelled a strong odor of burning marijuana emitting from inside the vehicle. The driver and passenger were asked to step out of the vehicle and were advised of their Miranda Rights. The driver then advised the Officer that he had a small amount of marijuana in a grinder and his fathers' handgun. The Officer retrieved the handgun and placed the juvenile under arrest for Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Juvenile. The marijuana and grinder were also seized.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 39 Felony: 10 Misdemeanor: 29 Juvenile: 2

DWI Arrest: 1 Arrest Warrants: 4 Search Warrants: 2

Narcotic Arrest: 16 Narcotic seized: 42 grams of Marijuana, 1 grams of methamphetamine, 1 gram of heroin, and 1gabapentin.

Weapons Seized: 1 AR 15 style pistol, 1 S&W 40 cal.
Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 595 (434 of which were for speeding)



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Chiefs Report

For December 2023

EMS	69
Structure Fire	1 M/A STFD#7
MVA	11
Service / GI	7
Dispatched / Cancel	9
False Alarm	4
Police Matter	4
Grass Fire	2
Total	107
2023 Total	1209

PIAL Class 2 retained.