



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 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, Franatovich, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee and Attorney Mathison; and Chief Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the January 16, 2024, Council Meeting. 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.**

Ordinance Introduction –

- a. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (A) — An ordinance relative to R-I-B Waterway Single Family Residential Zone
- b. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (B) — An ordinance relative to B-2 Highway Business Zone
- c. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (C) — An ordinance relative to M-1 Light Industrial Zone
- d. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (D) — An ordinance relative to M-2 Heavy Industrial Zone
- e. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (E) An ordinance relative to R-1 Single Family Residential Zone
- f. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (F) An ordinance relative to R-I-A Single Family Residential Zone
- g. Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (G) — An ordinance relative to R-3 Multi-Family Residential Zone There will be a public hearing on these Ordinances on March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Resolutions

- a. Resolution R 24-02-02 — A Resolution appointing Jacob Walsdorf to the Planning and Zoning Commissions. Alderman Phillips 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. Resolution R 24-02-03 — LGAP Grant: Program: Alderman Schultheis 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. Resolution R 24-022-04 - CWEF Grant Program: 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.**

d. Resolution R24-02-05 — Adopting the 2023 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire: Alderman Phillips 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**

Public Hearings —

a. Ordinance No. 24-01-16 (A) — An Ordinance establishing a zoning classification of R-4 regulating Recreational Vehicle Resorts and RV Parks: Alderman Phillips made a motion to accept; Seconded by Alderman Moray.— Alderman Galloway called for question. Public Hearing closed. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote. **Nay. 4 Yeas, 1 Nay. Motion passes.**

Alderman Phillips; yea
Alderman Franatovich; yea
Alderman Moray; yea
Alderman Galloway; yea
Alderman Schultheis; nay

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. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept; Seconded by Alderman Phillips. Alderman Galloway has called for question. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote. Alderman Phillips, Nay; Alderman Franatovich, Nay; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Nay; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **3 Nays, 2 Yeas. Motion fails.**

Alderman Phillips; nay
Alderman Franatovich; nay
Alderman Moray; yea
Alderman Galloway; nay
Alderman Schultheis; yea

Tabled Items –

a. Ordinance No. 23-10-17(A) — Tree Ordinance; Alderman Galloway made a motion to take the ordinance off the table; seconded by Alderman Moray; All in favor. Alderman Galloway made a motion to postpone until June 2024; seconded by Alderman Phillips. **All in favor. So moved.**

b. Ordinance No. 23-10-17(C) - Burn Ordinance: Alderman Phillips made a motion to take the ordinance off the table; seconded by Alderman Galloway; all in favor. Alderman Phillips 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.**

c. Resolution - R 24-01-01 – A Resolution appointing Bruce Bennett to the Planning and Zoning Commissions. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to take the resolution off the table. Seconded by Alderman Galloway. Alderman Moray made a motion accept; Seconded by Alderman Schultheis . **All in favor. So moved.**

d. 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 A. W.

Hopewell Properties, L.L.C. Alderman Moray made a 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, **Nay. 4 Yeas, 1 Nay. The Ordinance Passed.**

Alderman Phillips; yea
Alderman Franatovich; yea
Alderman Moray; yea
Alderman Galloway; yea
Alderman Schultheis; nay

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee: Introduced Ms. Jane De’Hemacourt, Executive Legislative Assistant to Representative Peter Eagan. He was unable to attend but plans to be here next meeting. Rep Eagan’s cell number will be made available to anyone.

Collin Sims – Candidate for District Attorney outlined his qualifications for the position.

Mayor Lee would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Town Clean Up on 03/16/2024. For additional information, contact Brian Philips at STRW. The following Saturday 03/23/2023 is the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by Jubilee. Last, but not least I would like to thank the public works department for keeping everything up and running during the recent freeze.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Phillips; reminded everyone of the upcoming sports-fest on 06/29/2024 at PRH. Alderman Moray would like to make everyone aware that the seniors are currently raising funds for senior that need assistance with funds for their trip. They are not only raising money they are also offering to work. Mayor Lee asks that everyone take notice of the park mural. We will have a dedication upon completion. Alderman Galloway announced that Connie Cares will be at the Easter egg hunt.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:
Capt. David Dean gave the January 2024 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – No Representative

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –SKIP PHILLIPS: The project for the stadium lights at PRH is moving forward. Currently in need of 2 board members. You do not need to be a resident within the Town limits

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

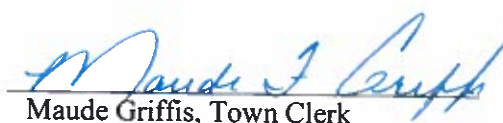
SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS: Thanked all who have helped with planning and zoning.

**CD’s available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 9:12 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 19th DAY OF MARCH 2024


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of January

Total Calls Handled: 1,870

Open Investigations: 5

Notable Incidents

In the month of January, the Pearl River Police Department completed another successful Mardi Gras season. To include assisting with the Pearl River Parade, which had no major incidents. The Pearl River Police Department also assisted surrounding agencies with their parades.

Notable Arrest

On January 11, 2024, Pearl River Police Officers conducted a traffic stop at the Circle K due to an expired registration. During the course of the traffic stop, the Officer located 34 grams of Marijuana, 20 THC Vape pens and Gummies containing THC. The passenger in the vehicle admitted to the Officers that she had just sold Marijuana to a friend for \$60.00. The passenger was charged with Possession with the intent to distribute a Schedule I Controlled Dangerous Substance.

The Pearl River Police Department has been receiving numerous citizen complaints regarding illegal narcotic activity at a trailer in Messer trail park. Based on those complaints, on January 17, officers initiated a narcotics investigation that resulted in officers executing a search warrant at the trailer. Officers located 153 Gabapentin pills, Crystal Methamphetamine, 4 Hydrocodone, and several crushed methadone pills. The Officers also located drug paraphernalia consistent with the packaging and distribution of narcotics. The perpetrator was not on the scene, but an arrest warrant has been issued for his arrest.

PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

Total Arrest: 31 Felony: 8 Misdemeanor: 23 Juvenile:0

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

Narcotic Arrest: 9 Narcotic seized: 55 grams of Marijuana, 20 THC vapes, 4 Hydrocodone and 135 gabapentin.

Weapons Seized: One HK 9mm

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 463(348 of which were for speeding)