



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 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, 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 November 21, 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 Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance No. 23-12-19 – An Ordinance annexing approximately .5 acres of land as petitioned by Marjorie and Henry Hitzman.
No further action required.

Resolutions

R 23-12-01 – A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the election held in the Town of Pearl River, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 18, 2023.
Alderman Moray made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

R 23-12-03 – A resolution appointing Jeffrey Keating as a Mayor's Court Magistrate.
Alderman Galloway made a 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.**

Tabled Items –

Ordinance No. 23-10-17(A) – Tree Ordinance: Alderman Schultheis made a motion take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor 4 yeas, 1 absent. Alderman Schultheis made motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Phillips. All in favor 4 yeas 1 absent.

Ordinance No. 23-10-17-(B) - Sidewalk Ordinance : Alderman Galloway made a motion to take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Schultheis All in favor 4 yeas, 1 absent. Alderman Galloway made a motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. All in favor 4 yeas 1 absent.

Ordinance No. 23-10-17(C) - Burn Ordinance; Alderman Schultheis made a motion to take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Moray. All in favor 4 yeas, 1 absent. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Galloway. All in favor 4 yeas 1 absent.

Resolution R23-10-02 – Taylor Pointe Subdivision Final Plat Approval; Alderman Moray made a motion take this off the table, seconded by Alderman Galloway. All in favor 4 yeas, 1 absent. Alderman Galloway made a motion to put this back on the table, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. All in favor 4 yeas 1 absent.

Discussion: A motion was made by Alderman Galloway for public discussion, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. The budget is usually passed in December. Actual numbers are generally available in February. The budget is revisited in March. Money was added to the street department for the drainage project as well as the water main on Hwy 41. Additional funds were added to complete the Park and for the police dept (MPERS) as well as increasing the deferred compensation. Alderman Galloway has requested funds for additional lighting.

Public Hearings –

Ordinance No. 23-11-21(A) – An ordinance relative to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea, 1 absent. **All in favor, So moved.**

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.; Alderman Schultheis made a motion to table this ordinance, 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.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee: The Christmas Program was a success. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks to Senator Hewitt, three new generators have been delivered and will be connected soon. We have also been making steady progress improvements to our lift stations as well as the installation of additional playground equipment. The art students have begun working on the park mural. The water meter project is complete and has increased our revenue from appr \$12,000.00 per month to appr \$40,000.00 per month.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Phillips: request update on the 10” sewer main project. Per Mayor Lee; the project is on the last section. Hopefully it will be completed in the next few months. Alderman Moray: Thanks to all of the Alderman and everyone who participated in making our Christmas Program successful. Looking forward to next year being bigger and better. Alderman Galloway; Special thanks to the police department and to all who help with Connie Cares and the Christmas Program.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:

Capt. David Dean gave the November 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.

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –TARA JIMENEZ: The CEA has been signed with the School Board for the lights on the track, still need 2 additional board members.

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – MIKE SMITH: No Representative

SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

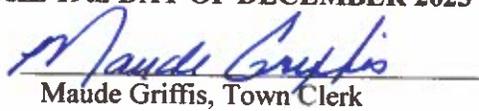
PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS: Currently in need of 2 Board Member and 2 Alternates

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

**CD's available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 7:56 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

PEARL RIVER, LOUISIANA

The Month of November

Total Calls Handled: 1802

Open Investigations: 2

Notable Arrest

On November 7, while investigating an alleged molestation case, Pearl River Officers secured a search warrant in Twin Oaks Trailer Park. The Pearl River Special Response Team executed the search warrant. While searching for evidence involved in the molestation case, Officers located 5 grams of methamphetamine and 2 diazepam pills. The Officers seized the narcotics and placed the occupants under arrest for possession of the narcotics. The Officers also located evidence in the molestation investigation, which has led to 2 arrest warrants.

On November 17, Pearl River Officers conducted a traffic stop on 41 Spur. During the course of the investigation, the Officers discovered the driver to be in possession of 57 Xanax pills and 17 Oxycodone pills. The driver was charged with possession with the intent to distribute. A search warrant executed on the seized phone, collaborated that the driver was selling the pills.

On November 25, Pearl River Officers conducted a traffic stop on 41 Spur. During the course of the investigation, the Officers discovered the driver and the passenger to be in possession of 33 grams of marijuana that had been packaged for distribution. The Officers also recovered a Glock handgun. Both subjects were placed under arrest for possession with the intent to distribute and possession of a firearm while in possession of controlled dangerous substances. A search warrant executed on the seized phone, collaborated that the driver was selling the marijuana in and around the Pearl River area.

PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

Total Arrest: 24 Felony: 10 Misdemeanor: 14 Juvenile:4

DWI Arrest: 0 Arrest Warrants: 4 Search Warrants:4

Narcotic Arrest: 13 Narcotic seized: 33 grams of Marijuana, 5 grams of methamphetamine, 2 diazepam pills, 57 Xanax and 17 Oxycodone

Weapons Seized: 1 Glock

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 499(394 of which were for speeding)



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Chiefs Report

For November 2023

EMS	59
MVA	4
Service / GI	5
Dispatched / Cancel	9
False Alarm	4
Grass/ wood Fire	8
Police Matter	4
Vehicle Fire	1
Total	94

Santa Clause December 23 @ 5pm Hwy 3081 & Oak Street