



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
June 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and so called to order by Mayor Lee at 6:00 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 Franatovich, Galloway, and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee, Attorney Mathison. Alderman, Phillips and Alderman Moray not present at Roll Call; attended after the meeting began and Chief Sessions absent.

Resolution No. 24-06-01 – A Resolution accepting the ten-inch force sewer main project as being substantially complete. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, absent; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **4 in favor; 1 absent, So moved.**

The pressure test has been done. The total cost of the project was 1.3 million, appr 10% over the original estimate.

Discussion Items:

2024 Hurricane Season Preparedness – We will follow the 2023 handbook.

Ordinance No. 24-05-21 – An Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

Discussion included: the possible purchase of the property adjoining Town Hall; all are in agreement that the building would probably need to be removed but the town could utilize the land until other plans are made. All are in agreement for the mayor will move forward with ordering an appraisal.

Leasing the Jr. High School: Alderman Galloway would like Town Hall to move to the Jr. High School. She believes we have outgrown our current space, and that each employee should have their own office space. The gym could be a multi use center such as a recreation and evacuation center as well as marketing the gym for outside use to other organizations.

Park/Playground: Funds will be added to the Park fund to replace the existing pavilion as well as installing sun sails over the musical section and the sand box and railings around the cypress tree/knees to prevent accidents. Alderman Galloway has recommended: Future plans for the park to include possible replacement of the splash pad that includes a filter system to recirculate the water.

Police Department: The budget has been increased to meet their needs. Would the money for a raise for Chief Sessions come from his budget? It would; however approval would have to be passed by ordinance.

Drainage: The estimate for the water main project on Spur 41 is \$105,000.00. It was more cost effective per the engineers to bore vs going over the road. The Town will inquire about outsourcing some of the drainage work such as wiping the ditches to expedite the progress.

Metal Detectors: Due to the increase in volume of people in Town Hall and the Courtroom it may be advisable to invest in a metal detector at the door.

Sound System: The current sound that we have is in need of replacement. The band director has offered assistance in selecting a new system.

Vehicles: The Town is need of another vehicle. The Mayor will research cost and the best options.

New Subdivisions: Moving forward on any new subdivisions the Town should consider requiring generators at the lift stations.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available at Town Hall, upon request.

MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 7:10 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE 2024.



Honorable Joe D. Lee



Maude F. Griffis, Town Clerk