



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 18, 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 (Absent), Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, also present; Mayor Lee and Attorney Tim Mathison and Chief Sessions

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the May 21, 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.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of minutes for the June 3, 2024, Special 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.**

**Discussion:** Alderman Galloway would like to see more details in the minutes such as when an Alderman has a suggestion or idea the name of the Alderman should be noted with the suggestion or idea. Mayor Lee: The minutes are a brief outline of the meeting. After reviewing the Alderman can request necessary changes.

**Resolutions -**

Resolution No. 24-05-01 – Taylor Pointe Subdivision Final Plat Revision Alderman Moray made the 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.**

Resolution No. 24-05-02 – The Oaks at Taylor Farm Final Plat Revision  
Alderman Moray made the motion to table this Resolution, 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.**

Resolution No. 24-06-01 – A resolution relative to the selection of the Official  
Journal for the Town of Pearl River - Alderman Moray made the 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.**

**Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 24-05-21 – Fiscal Year 2024 Budget  
Amendment -** Alderman Galloway made the 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.**

**Discussion:** Police budget: line item added for grant revenue and expenditures was added as well  
as surplus vehicles.

General Fund: Funds moved to park to replace the last pavilion. Capital expenditures will  
include a security system for Town Hall, the park, the sewer plant and the wells.

**Tabled Items:**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (A) – An ordinance relative to R-1-B Waterway Single  
Family Residential Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (B) – An ordinance relative to B-2 Highway Business  
Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (C) – An ordinance relative to M-1 Light Industrial Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (D) – An ordinance relative to M-2 Heavy Industrial Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (E) – An ordinance relative to R-1 Single Family  
Residential Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (F) – An ordinance relative to R-1-A Single Family  
Residential Zone

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (G) An ordinance relative to R-3 Multi-Family  
Residential Zone

**Note:** The Planning Commission was unable to vote on a recommendation due to a lack of  
quorum at the last meeting. Alderman Moray made the motion to Table all the ordinance,  
seconded by Alderman Galloway. 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July event will be Saturday 06/29/2024. We would not be able to offer this free event without the donations and contributions from the business and volunteers. Without the help of the community, we would not be able to afford this event. Thanks to Kathryn Walsh for all her hard work.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS** – Alderman Schultheis: DRAINAGE – Waiting on CenterPoint, also we have put out an RFP for assistance with ditches and culverts. Hopefully within the next few weeks we will see some activity. It may be beneficial to sub out this work. TRAFFIC STUDY ON HWY 41 - We are waiting on the engineer; he has authority to move forward.

Alderman Galloway: CAMERAS IN THE PARK – With the recent abductions of children I am concerned about the safety of the children in the park. I am all about preventive. I would like to see cameras in the park. Mayor Lee has already addressed having a security system installed and is moving forward with the system.

Alderman Moray: FANS IN THE GAZABO: Will fans be installed. Mayor Lee does have plans to install fans in the gazabo. 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY EVENT – Come early, we will have the petting zoo and weather permitting we will have a flyover.

Alderman Phillips: FLAGS – On behalf of his company he presented the Town with 25 American Flags and the banner for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

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

Lt Jason Germann gave the May 2024 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

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

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – TARA JIMENEZ – Skip Phillips:** The lights are up in the ball field. Not yet turned on. Documentation has been submitted to obtain funds for the boat launch/park. Waiting for \$220,000.00 to be funded. Per David Cogle; other projects that have been approved is 1.6 million for drainage. It is a priority 5. These funds will not be available until next year.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – DAVID COUGLE:** Next Parish Council Meeting July 11, 2024, we will be looking into speed bumps, speed humps and speed tables. It is a way to slow traffic and keep people safe. Introducing and Ordinances for Rec 5 to be expanded with additional members, as well as a mandate to have electronic notification for boil water advisory.

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

**PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS:** Zones will be in your boxes later this week.

**CD's available to purchase.  
MEETING ADJOURNED  
AT 7:30 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2024**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jack Sessions, Chief of Police*

## **The Month of May**

Total Calls Handled: 2024

Open Investigations: 7

## **Notable Incidents**

On May 12, several vehicles were burglarized at 64286 Hwy 41 Pearl River, La 70452 the business of Outlaw Diesel Performance. The Police Department was able to obtain surveillance video of the crime. Through the investigation and the public's help, the Police Department has been able to identify one suspect and has obtained an arrest warrant. It should be noted that on May 12, Jason Auto Repair on Hwy 11, had several car burglaries also. Unfortunately, there was no surveillance video of the incident. On May 17, the Police Department learned that the suspect's vehicle was broke down on Hwy 21 head towards Bogalusa. The Detective located the vehicle and observed property that may have been taken during the burglaries at Jason Auto Repair. The Detective contacted the St. Tammany Detectives and advised them of the situation. The St. Tammany Detectives seized the vehicle and executed a search warrant on the vehicle. While searching the vehicle, the Detectives located several pieces of property that may have been taken during the burglary but also located a debit card that was taken during the burglary. The debit card links the Pearl River suspect to St. Tammany's investigation. St. Tammany then obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. The Detectives investigating the cases, requested the assistance of the U.S. Marshalls with locating the suspect. The U.S. Marshalls located the suspect in Ocala Florida, who is currently in custody. Upon eradication, the suspect will be relocated to Louisiana and charged with the vehicle burglaries.

On May 20, the Pearl River Police Department actively investigated numerous burglaries in residential areas of town. With the assistance of

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Hancock County Sheriff's Office, the Pearl River Police Department was able to identify two suspects. During the course of the investigation, one suspect was located and arrested and is currently in custody. The second suspect is currently at large, and The Pearl River Police Department has request the assistance of the U.S. Marshall with locating the suspect. The suspect has 11 warrants with the Pearl River Police Department, 4 warrants with the Handcock Sheriffs Office, 1 warrant with the New Orleans Police Department and a Probation Violation with Probation and Parole.

## Arrests

Total Arrest: 55      Felony: 16      Misdemeanor: 37      Juvenile:4

DWI Arrest: 2      Arrest Warrants: 36      Search Warrants:1

Narcotic Arrest: 20      Narcotic seized: 47 grams of Marijuana, 8 THC vape pens, 2 grams of Methamphetamine, 2 Hydrocodone pills, 1 ½ Xanax pills and 5 Suboxone.

Weapons Seized:  
Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 659 (393 of which were for speeding)



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

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## Chiefs Report

For May 2024

EMS	90
Structure Fire	2 Both M/A for FD#7
Vehicle Fire	1
Grass/Trash Fire	3
MVA	10
Service / GI	6
Dispatched / Cancel	1
False Alarm	1
Storm Calls	4
Total	118