



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
July 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, Franatovich, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, also present; Mayor Lee and Attorney Tim Mathison. Let the record show Chief Sessions (absent) Major Dean appearing on behalf of the Police Department. Alderman Galloway would like it noted that Chief Sessions is absent attending a Police Chief Conference

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: - Zig Zag Band - Mayor Lee presented the awards and expressed his appreciation for their dedication and support to the town and how proud he is of them – Alderman Schultheis also expressed her thanks for their participation in town events and acknowledged that they are an asset to the town.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the June 18, 2024, Council Meeting. Alderman Moray made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. 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.**

Ordinance Introductions –

Ordinance No. 24-07-16 (A) – An ordinance relative to the speed limit on Hwy. 41 Spur.
Ordinance No. 24-07-16 (B) – An ordinance amending Ordinance Section 41-1(c) relative to the Town's criminal Code.

There will be a public hearing on these ordinances on August 20, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Tabled Resolutions -

Resolution No. 24-05-02 – The Oaks at Farm Final Plat Revision

Alderman Moray, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Phillips. 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.**

VARIANCE REQUEST- 39041 Oak St – James Pavone – Mr. Pavone was not present.

Alderman Galloway made a motion to Table this request; seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

Tabled Items:

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (A) – An ordinance relative to R-1-B Waterway Single Family Residential Zone: Alderman Galloway made a motion to table; seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (B) – An ordinance relative to B-2 Highway Business Zone - Alderman Schultheis made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. 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.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (C) – An ordinance relative to M-1 Light Industrial Zone Alderman Schultheis made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. 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.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (D) – An ordinance relative to M-2 Heavy Industrial Zone Alderman Phillips made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. 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.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (E) – An ordinance relative to R-1 Single Family Residential Zone - Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (F) – An ordinance relative to R-1-A Single Family Residential Zone - Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (G) An ordinance relative to R-3 Multi-Family Residential Zone - Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. 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.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee: Copies of budget vs actuals have been distributed. Per the auditors this will be done monthly. (See attached for complete report). The appraisal came back at \$400,000.00 for the vacant property next door. Thanks to Kristy for spearheading this; The sellers are not willing to negotiate and by law the Town cannot pay more than the appraised value. Drainage Projects: PEC is currently working with CenterPoint to move lines on Calhoun St. so we can move forward with the drainage project. Nate Fleming was awarded the contract to install culverts and work is scheduled to begin next week. Sawmill creek residents have been notified of the upcoming work in their area; Thanks to all who worked the 4th of July celebration we could not have done it without the police, fire dept and all the volunteers.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Phillips – Thanks to the Mayor, sponsors and the food were astronomical as well as all who participated. Special thanks to Brian Phillips and Kat Walsh.

Alderman Franatovich – No comments at this time.

Alderman Moray- Reiterate thanks to all who participated in the 4TH of July event. Thanks to Todd Ellis for the fly over as well as the Lions Club.

Alderman Galloway- Would the Mayor and the council consider adopting the same protocol for our street crew that the Parish has? They work for 30 minutes and rest in the shade or A/C truck for 15 minutes. Can we get another vehicle with A/C for them as well as add to the budget for electrolyte popsicles. Would the mayor consider changing their hours like others have from 6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. I think our guys deserve the same treatment as the Parish workers

Mayor Lee responded: We make sure that they have everything they need as well as being instructed to take needed breaks and not work alone. Changing hours can create a noise issue. Alderman Phillips said the street crew has a system where they weed eat in the shaded areas in the morning and afternoon. “They know what they are doing” Robert is a good supervisor.

Alderman Schultheis - Can the A/C be repaired in the truck for the street crew? Thanks to the Zig Zag band for the amazing job at the celebration. I am always so proud of our town.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:

Mayor Dean the June 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: Lights are up at the track, and they are amazing. Would like to expand the basketball court at the park to accommodate pickle ball.

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – DAVID COUGLE: The school board is interested in introducing a Wastewater Treatment and Operator program. PRHS is being considered for this program. Speed tables may be an option on the Spur. There are videos available to view the difference in Speed bump and tables. Nominations for the Home Rule charter will be coming up soon.

SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS: Planning will be consider adopting a cell tower ordinance from the Parish. There will be a walking path in Taylor Point; we may want to consider some type of security and lighting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Patrick Green vs. Town of Pearl River – No. 202316334 Div. F, 22nd Judicial District Court.

Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. **All in favor, So moved. The executive session began at 7:53 p.m.**

**CD's available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:05 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2024



Honorable Joe D. Lee



Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of June

Total Calls Handled: 1988

Open Investigations: 9

Notable Arrest

On June 21, while conducting surveillance at a local gas station, the Pearl River Officers observed what he believed to be a hand to hand narcotic transaction, involving two vehicles. Based on the observation, the Officers elected to conduct an investigator stop on the vehicle that purchased the narcotics. During the course of the investigation Officers discovered the passenger, who was a juvenile, in possession of three pills that contained Fentanyl. The passenger was placed under arrest for possession of narcotics. The driver who was an adult was placed under arrest for Felony Contributing to the Delinquency of a Juvenile. The Officers then conducted a photo line up and was able to identify the seller of the narcotics, who is a known drug dealer in St. Tammany Parish. The Officers then obtained an arrest warrant for the seller for Distribution of Fentanyl. The Pearl River Police Department then alerted the surrounding agency of the warrant. On July 13, the Slidell Narcotics Unit located the seller and stopped him based on the Pearl River Arrest Warrant. During the course of the Slidell Narcotic Investigation, the Slidell Officers located an additional 200 Fentanyl pills. The subject was arrested on the Pearl River arrest warrant along with the new Slidell charges of Possession with the Intent to Distribute Fentanyl.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 24 Felony: 8 Misdemeanor: 16 Juvenile: 1

DWI Arrest: 3 Arrest Warrants: 4 Search Warrants: 0

Narcotic Arrest: 6 Narcotic seized: 35 grams of Marijuana, 5 THC
vape pens, 2 grams of Heroin and 12 Fentanyl

PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Weapons Seized:

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 627 (421 of which were for speeding)



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Chiefs Report

For June 2024

EMS	79
Vehicle Fire	1
Grass/Trash Fire	2
MVA	11
Service / GI	2
False Alarm	4
Police	1
Total	100