



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 18, 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, Franatovich, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee, Attorney Mathison, Attorney Daigle and Chief Sessions absent

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Melissa Henry - Clerk of Court:** Postponed until May 16, 2023

**Yvette Carrasco – Water Billing:** Postponed until May 16, 2023

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the March 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 Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the March 28, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. 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.**

**RESOLUTION: R23-04-01-** A resolution relative to the Town's Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report. Alderman Schultheis 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. **So moved.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee**

Express his sympathy for the passing of Ms. Ruby Gauley. The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Thank you to the Jubilee, our staff, volunteers and all who participated. Alderman Moray and Alderman Phillips will spearhead the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Alderman Franatovich and Alderman Schultheis will spearhead the Night Out Against Crime/Trunk or Treat. The next Town Clean Up will be spearheaded by Brian Phillips (STRW) and the Mayor will spearhead the Christmas Program.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman**

All of the Alderman expressed the same sentiments about Ms. Ruby Gauley. She was an asset to the Town of Pearl River and will be sadly missed. Alderman Galloway reminded everyone of the upcoming Prayer Breakfast on May 4, 2023 from 8:30 – 10:30 at the STPS complex. Alderman Shultheis inquired about the progress for grants to be submitted to Senator Kennedy’s Office.

**POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS –Capt. Dean gave the March 2023 monthly report:**

Calls-1127	Misdemeanor- 55	Search Warrants- 5
Open Investigations- 12	Juvenile: 2	Narcotic Arrest- 8
Arrest- 65	DWI Arrest- 2	Total Citations 271 (169
Felony- 10	Arrest Warrants-9	speeding, 10 in a school zone)

Narcotic seized: 28 grams of Marijuana, 2 THC Vapes, 10 grams of Heroin, 1 Gram of Methamphetamine, 2 Xanax pills and 1 Adderall pill. Weapons Seized: 1 Airsoft Glock 19 Currency Seized: 0

**Notable Incidents:** PRPD has 5 additional sex crimes resulting in 2 with Arrest Warrants, 2 closed and 1 pending.

**Notable Arrests:** On March 16, 2023, PRPD responded to an animal cruelty complaint that resulted in an arrest for 37 counts of animal cruelty.

On 03/19/2023, PRPD responded to a juvenile with a handgun in Twin Oaks Trailer Park. Upon further investigation it was discovered that the handgun was in fact an Airsoft (bb) Glock 19 handgun that is designed to resemble a fully working gun. The juvenile was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, aggravated assault, possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence.

Dispatch has been turned over to STPSO as of 04/17/2023

**DISTRICT #11 –CHIEF DOCKERY**

EMS -63	Service / GI -5	Police Matter – 1
MVA - 10	Dispatched/Cancelled - 10	Grass Fire - 2
Vehicle Fire - 0	False Alarm - 1	TOTAL = 92

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – Bridget Bennett:**

Earth Dayish Event on April 29, 2023, will include Sweet Tea contest; interactive booths, vendors, free trees and fundraising activities.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5– No Representative**

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – No Representative**

**SCHOOL BOARD – No Representative**

**PLANNING & ZONING – No Representative**

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 7:27 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16 DAY OF May 2023**

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee