



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the April 18, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, 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.**

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Melissa Henry - Clerk of Court:** Gave a detailed presentation on the new "Property Fraud Alert System" how it works and why it is necessary.

**Brian Phillips – Farmers Market:** The market was very successful. Thanks to all who supported and participated. There is currently a waiting list for vendors.

**David Cogle – Candidate for St. Tammany Parish Council:** His qualifications include his Naval experience as a Commander and currently a practicing Immigration Attorney. His platform is based on "smart growth, transparency, and safety.

**RESOLUTION: R-23-05-01-** A resolution to adopt and Levy Millage Rates. Alderman Moray 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.**

**RESOLUTION: R-23-05-01-** A resolution relative to the re-subdivision at 39057 and 39041 Oak Street – Jessie Romo. Alderman Schultheis made a 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. **So moved.**

**Postponed Item: Ordinance 22-09-20 (B) Crowe Annexation – Pump Slough.** This property has been added to the growth management plan. It has been approved by the planning and zoning commission. The only cost that the town can foresee at this time is for the PRPD/Fire Dept to respond to any necessary calls. The plan is to annex the property with the current zoning which is mostly Industrial. Any changes to the zoning must go before the planning and zoning commission. Mr. A.G. Crowe does not have any intention of developing the property. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to take the ordinance off the table. 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.**

Alderman Galloway made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Seconded by Alderman Schultheis.

Discussion: There are no plans for development of the property. Alderman Galloway questioned if the Town would incur any cost as a result of the annexation. The Mayor stated that the only cost he could foresee is the necessity for a boat for any emergency call that may arise. Alderman Schultheis requested that it be specifically noted that Mr. A.G. Crowe would like the property to be zoned residential with no industrial or commercial zoning. 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.**

**Discussion Items:**

**Hurricane Preparedness:** One correction has been made. Page 20 – Volunteer Coordinator has been revised from Cheryl Schultheis to Angel Galloway. Please make the revision in your manual.

**Harbor Center Board Appointment:** The Harbor Center has a position open for a representative from Pearl River, Ward 8 or 9. If anyone is interested or knows anyone interested, please notify the Town Hall.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee:** Acknowledgment of National Police week. We have reached out to the Regional Planning Commission that we are seeking a grant for a traffic study for the entire town. The new Bonterra subdivision will be in Pearl River High School’s district. In reference to the Motorola grant; the State is the applicant. Senator Kennedy’s office referred us to Mary Dubuisson’s office. The paperwork has been submitted. Regarding Rebel Lane, there is no ordinance in place that prevents an owner from clearing land. Planning and Zoning is working on introducing an ordinance that requires tree replacement as well as requiring a permit to clear land. Reminder about upcoming events Lions Club golf tournament this coming Saturday. Keep Ms. Bobby Rose in their prayers, she was in a serious accident. The Mayor’s breakfast was very successful. Thanks to all who attended. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will be held on 07/03/2023 at 6:00 pm. We will have food, games, and fireworks.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Schultheis:** Thanks to Michele McDonald, Mike Smith and Danny Bourgeois for the assistance in the Motorola grant; Mayor Lee added for the record that we also made a few calls and contacts. We had some communication issues. We are all working together to achieve the same goals. in Alderman Galloway: Thanks to the planning and zoning. Would like to see them get paid for their efforts. Alderman Moray: Thanks to Alderman Franatovich for the Koi and Maria Lee for her hard work to set up the pond. Alderman Franatovich: No additional comments; Alderman Virgil: Congratulations to the 2023 Pearl River High graduates, of the 161 graduates 157 received some type of a degree. The boys' baseball and the girls' softball are in the playoffs. Alderman Phillips requests a proclamation in honor of Frank Bowman. The celebration will be May 20, 2023 @ 2:00 at Pearl River High.

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

Calls-870	Misdemeanor- 14	
Open Investigations- 10	Juvenile: 5	Search Warrants- 0
Arrest- 20	DWI Arrest- 0	Narcotic Arrest- 0
Felony- 6	Arrest Warrants- 6	Total Citations: <b>128</b> (83 speeding, 12 in a school zone)

Narcotic seized: 0      Weapons Seized: 0      Currency Seized: 0

**Notable Incidents:** PRPD has completed the transition of dispatch to the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's office.

**Notable Arrests:** On April 2023, PRPD investigated and located 2 suspects in connection with a burglary at the Church Temple Walker.

**DISTRICT #11 –CHIEF DOCKERY**

EMS -70	Vehicle Fire - 2	Dispatched/Cancel - 6
MVA – 6	Grass/Wood -1	False Alarm – 1
Structure Fire -2   1 M/A Dist 7	Service /GI - 12	Police Matter -12
		TOTAL = 104

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – Virgil Phillips:**

Earth Dayish /Sweet Tea Event held on April 29, 2023 was a success.

Pearl River is an endangered River. The One Lake project would have an impact on the River, Eco System and our way of life. Everyone is encouraged to voice their opinion. Alderman Schultheis noted that we have a resolution in place against the One Lake Project.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5– Skip Phillips:** Topographical map has been completed still waiting on survey. Hopefully will have a presentation next month. Working on getting a board member grant certified. Rec District has 2 available openings for board members.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – Mike Smith:** One Lake Project would be a disaster for Pearl River. Senator Sharon Hewitt and Congressman Steve Scalise are against the project. Also discussed several projects and issues throughout the parish.

**SCHOOL BOARD – No Representative**

**PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips:** Taylor Point Project Phase 1 has been approved. Phase 2 pending Corp of Engineering approval as well as a sidewalk requirement.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 8:43 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 20th DAY OF JUNE 2023

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee