

TOWN OF PEARL RIVER COUNCIL MEETING June 20, 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. Absent: Attorney Daigle and Chief Sessions.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Jessica Jenkins Brewster - Candidate for St Tammany Parish Clerk of Court: Outlined her qualifications for the Clerk of Court position.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the May 16, 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.**

Ordinance Introductions:

- A. Ordinance No. 23-06-20 An ordinance relative to District Zoning Regulations.
- B. Ordinance No. 22-12-20 (B) An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. There will be a public hearing on these ordinances on July 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

RESOLUTION: R-23-06-01- A resolution to the selection of the Official Journal for the Town of Pearl River. 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.**

RESOLUTION: R-23-06-02- A resolution appointing Eric Calvin to the Harbor Center Board of Commissioners. Alderman Schultheis made a 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. **So moved.**

RESOLUTION: R-23-06-03- A resolution appointing Angel Thoman to the Planning and Zoning Commissions. 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.**

Alderman Schultheis: made a motion to add Resolution No. 23-06-04 relative to the Opposition to the proposed Pearl River Dam/One Lake Project. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. 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 Schultheis: made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-06-04; 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: Reminder of the upcoming 4th of July festival to be held on July 3, 2023. Looking forward to a great turnout. Thanks to Alderman Moray and Phillips who headed the committee as well as all who are volunteering. Phase 1 of the park is almost complete. Phase 2 will begin shortly with additional equipment.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Phillips: Opening ceremony festival will begin at 6:00 pm; fireworks at 9:00 pm. Thanks to all who participated. Pearl River High School is now hosting Mellon Monday. It was a huge success.

Mayor Lee: did confirm that the students from the new Bonne Terre S/D will be attending Northshore High School not Pearl River High School as previously stated.

Alderman Galloway: Special thanks to Robert from our street crew for his assistance in saving some of the playground equipment. We are also working on restoration of the Lion water fountain.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS - Capt. Dean gave the May 2023 monthly report:

Calls-1,393 Misdemeanor- 6

Open Investigations- 10Juvenile: 4Search Warrants- 3Arrest- 12DWI Arrest- 0Narcotic Arrest- 5Felony- 7Arrest Warrants- 7Total Citations: 177 (125

speeding)

Narcotic seized: 438 grams of Marijuana, 1 THC Vape Weapons Seized: 1 Currency Seized: \$355.00

Notable Incidents: On May 4, 2023, PRPD responded to creditable threats regarding a possible school shooting at Pearl River High School, on May 25, 2023, PRPD responded to a burglary at Pearl River High School.

Notable Arrests: On May 8, 2023, two adult males were arrested for felony illegal discharge of a firearm. On May 18, 2023, a male subject was stopped for a traffic violation and was subsequently arrested for possession of a firearm while under an active protection order. On May 25, 2023 In the course of another traffic stop an arrest was made for possession with the intent to distribute marijuana.

Capt. Dean also issued awards to all officers graduating the Police Academy.

FIRE DISTRICT #11 -No Representative

HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM - No Representative

RECREATION DISTRICT #5– Skip Phillips: The Rec District is working on extending the boundary lines. Thanks to Peter Finger, Virgil Phillips, and Kathryn Walsh for their assistance in obtaining funds for the lighting project at Pearl River High.

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 - No Representative

SCHOOL BOARD - No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips: It has come to everyone's attention that the Crowe property recently annexed into the Town Limits is now up for sale as residential property. That property is currently zoned as Industrial. Does the council have any recommendations when this comes before the planning and zoning commission. Next meeting will be held on July 11, 2023. Input from the Alderman would be appreciated.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 7:37 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 18th DAY OF JULY 2023

Maude Griffis, Town Clerk

Honorable Joe D. Lee