



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
July 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 Franatovich, Moray, Galloway and Schultheis, along with Mayor Lee, Attorney Mathison, Attorney Daigle. Absent: Alderman Phillips and Chief Sessions.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Tommy Williams - Candidate for St Tammany Parish Sheriff: Outlined his qualifications for the Sheriff's position.

Alderman Schultheis made a motion to add Leah Long, to the agenda, seconded by Alderman Franatovich; Ms. Long is the Regional and Coalition Director for Senator Kennedys office. Her office can assist with support letters for grants, infrastructure, as well as veteran, social security and passport issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the June 20, 2023, Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance Introductions:

- A. Ordinance No. 23-07-18 (A) – An ordinance relative to rezoning Pump Slough Property – A.G. Crowe.
- B. Ordinance No. 23-07-18 (B) - An ordinance relative to re-subdivision of Pump Slough Property – A.G. Crowe.

There will be a public hearing on these ordinances on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Public Hearings:

- A. Ordinance 22-12-20 (B) – An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept. Seconded by Alderman Moray.

DISCUSSION:

The budget was amended to include the new SRO contract. The line-item adjustments were moving funds from the general fund to capital expenditures for the police dept renovations; increases in the court fines and 4th of July program as well as decreases in building inspector and the water dept. The revenue should begin to increase now that the meters are installed. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

B. Ordinance 23-06-20 – An ordinance relative to Zoning District Regulations. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to table; seconded by Alderman Galloway; Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Announcement of Public Meeting: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, 39460 Willis Alley, Pearl River, La, The Town Council of the Town of Pearl River, State of Louisiana, plans to consider a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Pearl River, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee: The 4th of July celebration was the largest turnout yet. Thanks to all who participated, as well as the businesses that donated. Special thanks to Troy Ellis for the fly over during the National Anthem. School cleanup - Little Pearl Elementary on Friday 07/21 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Pearl River High School will be on Saturday 07/22 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman Franatovich: Appreciated the way everyone came together to help. **Alderman Moray:** Thanks to all who participated with a Special thanks to Tiger Track formation team and the Lions club, they want to plan a water day at the park.

Alderman Galloway: Thrilled about the park. Looking forward to the additional pieces to be installed.

Alderman Schultheis: Thanks to all who participated in the 4th of July celebration. It was a great turnout. St. Peter and Paul Church will have a blood drive on Sunday 7/30/23.

COMMENTS

Brian Phillips: The 3rd Saturday of each month St. Peter and Paul Church also has an indoor farmers market. Mr. Phillips also acknowledged Mayor Lee for his hard work putting the celebration together.

Bridgett Bennett: Benefit on 9/9/23 for the Police foundation. Details to follow. On July 29, Slidell with host a Patriotic Parade. Requested update on drainage study and status of cutting the ditches. **Mayor Lee:** Calhoun and Jerry streets reports are in with recommendations. The cost is higher than expected. We are currently working on obtaining grant money to offset the cost. **Ditches:** The street crew is shorthanded. The crew continues to maintain the ditches unfortunately it may take longer than the normal 3-week rotation.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Lt. Jason Germann, gave the June 2023 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

FIRE DISTRICT #11 – No Representative

HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – Bridgett Bennet: Earth Day in April exceeded their expectations apprx. \$1600.00 was raised. The museum is open upon request.

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – No Representative

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – Mike Smith: District expanding to 6th Ward, 2 Anti-Growth Moratorium's are out for public comment; Also discussed projects throughout St Tammany Parish as well as working against the One Lake project.

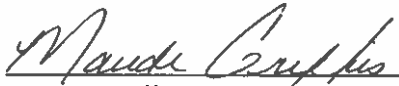
SCHOOL BOARD – No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips: Public Hearing will be held on August 1, 2023 addressing the rezoning of the AG Crowe property.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

**CD's available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:17 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 15th DAY OF AUGUST 2023


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk


Honorable Joe D. Lee



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Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of June

Total Calls Handled: 1,942

Open Investigations: 5

Notable Incidents

On June 29, while conducting a traffic stop investigation on the I-59 interstate, a Pearl River Police Officer was almost truck by a on coming truck. The truck did strike the Officers unit and then fled towards Mississippi. The Hit and Run was handled by the State Police. Based on Pearl River Detectives, the Department was able to identify the company of the truck and the driver. All the information was turned over to the State Police, who issued the driver a summons for Hit and Run.

Notable Arrests

On June 10, while conducting a traffic stop, Pearl River Officer observed a handgun in the vehicles glove compartment. The Officer checked the weapon through NCIC and discovered that the weapon had been reported stolen from Mississippi. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a stolen firearm.

On June 17, Pearl River Officer was running Radar on LA 41. The Officer clocked a vehicle traveling 61 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. During the course of the investigation, the Officer discovered that the driver was in possession of 18 grams of marijuana and 1 9 Taurus. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

On June 20, Pearl River Officer was running Rada on the I-59 interstate. The Officer clocked a vehicle traveling at 90 MPH in a 70 MPH zone. During the course of the investigation, the Officer discovered the driver to be in possession of a MP 22 Assault Rife a 9 mm Taurus and 15 grams of

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marijuana. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 13 Felony: 7 Misdemeanor: 10 Juvenile: 0
DWI Arrest: 1 Arrest Warrants: 5 Search Warrants: 4

Narcotic Arrest: 6 Narcotic seized: 67 grams of Marijuana, 21 grams of Methamphetamine and 2 suboxones.

Weapons Seized: 1 9mm Ruger, 2 9mm Taurus and 1 MP22 Assault Rifle

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 564(472 of which were for speeding)