



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
August 15, 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, and Chief Sessions. Attorney Daigle (Absent)

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Jason Livingston - Candidate for Parish Council District 9:** Rescheduled for September 19, 2023.

**Buffie Singletary – Candidate for State Representative District 74 –** District 74 encompasses the most rural areas of this Parish. No one represents us. The rural community has different needs. None of our representatives have requested funds for us. I plan to address our needs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**Ordinance Introduction: By Alderman Galloway - Ordinance No. 23-08-15;** An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 14-7-8 relative to Accounting Procedures. **There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on August 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall.**

**Resolution: R23-08-01 –** A resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Pearl River to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein. Alderman Moray, made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS –**

a. Ordinance No. 23-07-18 (A) – An ordinance relative to rezoning Pump Slough Property – A.G. Crowe Planning and Zoning has tabled this item until September. Mayor Lee has requested that we postpone our vote until Planning and Zoning can make their recommendations; Alderman Phillips made a motion

to postpone; seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

- b. Ordinance No. 23-07-18 (B) – An ordinance relative to re-subdivision of Pump Slough Property – A.G. Crowe. This application has been withdrawn by A.G. Crowe.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Mayor Lee:** Thanks to all who came for the ribbon cutting at the park. Special thanks to Senator Hewitt as well as the council who were instrumental in increasing funds to add new equipment. A special thanks to The Lion’s club they had their” back to school splash bash” with water slides and lunch. Gazabo is still in the works. The Town has started the work on the 10” force sewer main project. The project should be completed in appr 4 months.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS – Alderman:** Alderman Schultheis: The trunk or treat will be on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The museum will also be participating. Alderman Galloway: Getting great feedback on the park and the board for children that are non-verbal. Alderman Phillips: update on the 4th of July celebration had about 1400 in attendance; and presented a count of the food that was prepared and served.

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

**FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – No Representative**

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM – No Representative**

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – PETE FINGER:**

**Skip Phillips gave the report:** Thanks to Senator Hewitt for her assistance in obtaining funds to complete the lighting project at the High School as well as work on the boat launch.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – MIKE SMITH:** Growth is coming we need to work together. Currently working on a tree ordinance. Ordinances need to be in place to protect what we have.


**SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON:** No Representative

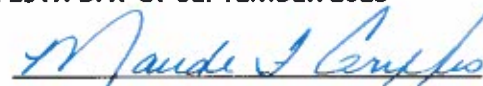
**PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS:** Pump Slough Property – A.G. Crowe: My recommendation will be to deny the request for rezoning. Alderman Phillips recited from a public hearing on July 2, 1988, regarding zoning – For the purpose annexation of the boat landing “all land bounded by oak river and pump slough that is not presently located in the town limits will coincide with town limits official zoning class shall be recreational and PE zoning”. Is this valid? Skip Phillips – We need some kind of compliance officer. The laws we have need to be enforced.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

**CD’s available to purchase.**  
**MEETING ADJOURNED**  
**AT 7:43 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

## The Month of July

Total Calls Handled: 1,887

Open Investigations: 5

## Notable Incidents

The Pearl River Police Department hired their last School Resource Officer. SRO Destini Navarro is from the St. Bernard Sheriffs office with 5 years of experience.

## Arrests

Total Arrest: 30  
DWI Arrest: 2

Felony: 3  
Arrest Warrants: 5

Misdemeanor: 27  
Search Warrants: 1  
Juvenile: 1

Narcotic Arrest: 7  
Methamphetamine.

Narcotic seized: 22 grams of Marijuana, 2 grams of

Weapons Seized: 0

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 420(358 of which were for speeding)