



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
August 20, 2024 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, also present; Mayor Lee, Attorney Tim Mathison and Chief Sessions.

2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Richard CPAs by Todd Tournillion; the scope of the audit covered 2023 Audit which includes the opinion of the financial statement as well as internal controls. The report is unmodified with no deficiencies or non-compliances to report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the July 16, 2024, Council Meeting. Alderman Moray made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance Introductions –

Ordinance No. 24-08-20 (A) – An ordinance increasing the lot sizes in R-1, Single Family Residential Zones.

Ordinance No. 24-08-20 (B) An ordinance increasing the lot sizes in R-1-A, Single Family Residential Zones. **There will be a public hearing on these ordinances on September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall**

Resolution Introduction -

Resolution No. 24-08-03 – A Resolution relative to the Taylor Pointe Subdivision, Phase 2 Final Plat. **There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall**

Resolutions-

Resolution No. 24-08-01- A Resolution to Adopt and Levy 2024 Millage Rates
Alderman Schultheis made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Resolution No. 24-08-02 – A Resolution relative to the State Expedited Temporary Housing Assistance Program

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

Tabled Items:

Variance Request – 39041 Oak Street – James Pavone

Discussion: Alderman Phillips verified that the time frame of variance is One (1) year. He also asked if any paperwork was required from the homeowner to allow this variance. Alderman Franatovich asked about the utility connection. If they would be connected to sewer and water. Mayor Lee requested a statement from the property owner agreeing with the variance. Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

Ordinance No. 24-02-20 (A) – An ordinance relative to R-1-B Waterway Single Family Residential Zone:

Alderman Phillips made a motion to take the ordinance off the table; seconded by Galloway. **All in favor, So moved.**

Alderman Phillips made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray.

Discussion: Alderman Schultheis asked why is (D) (1) Principal building in feet 35 when the other ordinances passed on July 16 are set at 25 feet. If the lots are 1 acre could something be added stating that they could not be subdivided. Alderman Phillips and Mayor Lee stated that the current ordinance states that the lots must be 1 acre. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote;

Alderman Phillips, Yea

Alderman Franatovich, Yea

Alderman Moray, Yea

Alderman Galloway, Yea

Alderman Schultheis, Nay.

Motion passes 4 to 1, So moved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance No. 24-07-16 (A) – An Ordinance relative to the speed limit on Hwy 41 Spur and The Oaks at Taylor Farm

Discussion: Clarified the boundaries of Spur 41 as well as the speed limit for Taylor Farm.

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

Ordinance No. 24-07-16 (B) An Ordinance amending Ordinance Section 41-1(c) relative to the Town's criminal code.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee: The park pavilion is almost complete. Electrical outlets as well as fans will be installed. Alderman Galloway asked about adding bench type tables for serving. The council will be able to make suggestions for added features. We are currently working on obtaining costs to upgrade the splash pad. The council is invited to visit the walking path at Taylor Point. The roof repair for the police department is also scheduled. Mayor Lee stated that Budget vs Actual Report were placed in the Alderman's boxes – See attached for complete report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Schultheis – Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday October 26 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Town Hall. The museum will be partnering with us. If you want to participate contact Cherly Schultheis or Kristy Franatovich. On another note: I have been trying to get copies of the zoning Ordinances passed into law on July 16, 2024, council meeting. Is there a reason they have not been submitted to the journal yet? Mayor's response: Last month when we received the ordinances they were not in a clean format, we were waiting for planning and zoning to review before it was submitted for publication. We just want to be sure we are all on the same page. Alderman Schultheis asked "so when we voted on it – we didn't have the original copy? My concern is that nothing gets changed that we voted on" Attorney Tim Mathison stated that nothing has been changed. Alderman Schultheis states "that brings me to another thing – I brought to your attention about the tree ordinance back in April we had a discussion and on this disc at 43:10 it was requested to add "New" to the ordinance. When I requested a copy from the Clerk it was still not added. I talked to Mayor Lee privately about the Tree Ordinance, also stating if the Tree Ordinance remained the way it was, I wanted my vote back. Mayor Lee then told me he spoke to Attorney Mathison and that the Tree Ordinance would be corrected.

The last thing: my key still doesn't work, and I told Maude and everything. I have to come in on the PD side, is there any way I can get a key that works so I can come in. It has been 5 or 6 months. I don't have a key to the other door I need to use the Police side. Alderman Schultheis has requested that everything she said be put in the minutes.

Alderman Galloway- Status on the 10" sewer main; Mayor Lee responded that it has been tested and is substantially complete. Will our current system be able to handle it or will we need additional funds for the sewer plant. With the current growth in Pearl River, we will eventually have to add funds. Alderman Galloway stated she has 2 years remaining on her term and would like to see everything fix.

Alderman Moray – The drainage project is nearing completion on Calhoun and Susan Street., The water is draining well. Mayor Lee added we may pursue the same type of work in other areas.

Alderman Franatovich – No comments

Alderman Phillips – Reminders: Stay hydrated in heat; football team is looking good we have an upcoming game with Belle Chase. Skip Phillips unavailable, he is participating at his church.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:

Mike Alquist gave the July 2024 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – See attached for complete report.

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –Skip Phillips: No Representative

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – DAVID COUGLE: Rec 5 is being expanded. The basic water operator class is scheduled to start at PRHS next year. Discussed what is going on in the Parish such as the BWA ordinance for private companies; Zoning code changes; The Humble Charter is being formed; Mayor Lee will be nominated; Some of the local businesses want to see the council members to be cut in half to match Jefferson Parish.

SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS: No Representative

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MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:07 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



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Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of July

Total Calls Handled: 1967

Open Investigations: 9

Notable Incidents

On July 20, while patrolling in the Town of Pearl River, a Pearl River Officer observed a subject sitting on the porch of a residence on Spruce Street. Upon further observation, the Officer immediately recognized the subject to be Timothy Jacques, who had outstanding Arrest Warrants from Pearl River Police Department. The Officer who had prior knowledge of Mr. Jacques warrants, attempted to apprehend and arrest Mr. Jacques. Mr. Jacques observed the Officer approaching and attempting to flee into the resident. The Officer chased Mr. Jacques into the resident and was able to apprehend him and place him under arrest. While placing Mr. Jacques under arrest for the Arrest Warrants, the Officer observed in plain view, a white powder substance, cut into lines, sitting on a tray on the living room table, with a red straw next to the tray. Based on the Officers prior training and experience, the Officer immediately recognized the powder to be consistent with narcotics, which later tested positive for Methamphetamine. With the assistance of a second Pearl River Police Officer, the Officers secured the residence in preparation for a search warrant. While securing the residence, the Officers encountered Carle Young. Ms. Young was detained pending the Officers investigation. The Pearl River Officer then prepared, submitted and obtained a Search Warrant for the residence. While conducting a systematic search of the residence, the Officers seized additional Methamphetamine, Marijuana, 36 Tramadol pills, 16, Gabapentin, powder Cocaine, and a 38 handgun. The Officers also located paraphernalia consistent to the packaging and distribution of Narcotics. Ms. Young was Charged with Louisiana Revised Statue 40:967 Relative to Possession with the Intent to Distribute Schedule II, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:967 Relative to Possession of a Schedule II, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:969 Relative to Possession of a Schedule IV, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:966 Relative to Possession of a Schedule I, Louisiana Revised

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Statue 40:970 Relative to Possession of a Schedule V, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:1023 Relative to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:981.3 Relative to Possession of Narcotics in a Drug Free Zone (1000 feet of a Church) and Louisiana Revised Statue 14:95.E Relative to Possession of Narcotics while in Possession of a Firearm. Mr. Jacques was placed under arrest for Louisiana Revised Statue 14:108 Relative to Resisting an Officer, Louisiana Revised Statue 966 Relative to Possession of a Schedule I, Louisiana Revised Statue 40:967 Relative to Possession of a Schedule II and Louisiana Revised Statue 40:1023 Relative to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Louisiana Revised Statue 40:981.3 Relative to Possession of Narcotics in a Drug Free Zone (1000 feet of a Church). Mr. Jacques was also arrested for his outstanding Arrest Warrants.

Notable Arrest

On July 10, while patrolling the town of Pearl River, Pearl River Officer observed a suburban make a right-hand turn without utilizing the turn signal. Based on the traffic violation, the Officer elected to conduct a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop investigation, the Officer discovered the driver to be in possession of 17 grams of Marijuana and a 45 Glock handgun. The driver was then placed under arrest for possession of a firearm while in possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

On July 18, while conducting traffic enforcement, a Pearl River Officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on I-59 Interstate. Based on the traffic violation, the Officer elected to conduct a traffic stop. During the course of the investigation, the Officer discovered that the driver was in possession of a Glock 357. The Officer checked the weapon through NCIC and discovered that the weapon had been reported stolen. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a stolen firearm.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 52 Felony: 22 Misdemeanor: 30 Juvenile: 1

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DWI Arrest: 3

Arrest Warrants: 5

Search Warrants:5

Narcotic Arrest: 22 Narcotic seized: 92 grams of Marijuana, 10 grams of Cocaine, 15 Grams of Methamphetamine, 36 Tramadol pills, 1 Dilaudid, 20 Cyclobenzaprine and 101 Gabapentin.

Weapons Seized: 1 Glock 45, one Glock 357 and a Derringer .38 caliber.
Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 721 (462 of which were for speeding)



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Chiefs Report

For July 2024

EMS	61
Vehicle Fire	2
Grass/Trash Fire	1
MVA	6
Service / GI	7
Dispatched / Cancel	1
False Alarm	8
Total	86