



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 19, 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 August 15, 2023, Council Meeting. 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.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the August 17, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis, 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.**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the August 21, 2023, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis, made the motion to accept, 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.**

**SPECIAL GUEST:**

**Jason Livingston – Candidate for Parish Council District 9:** No Representative

**Tara Farris Zeller – Candidate for 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC Judge Division B –** Appeared Late. She outlined her qualifications as a Judge.

**Ordinance Introduction:** Ordinance No. 23-09-19; An ordinance setting the speed limit on streets in Magnolia Ridge Subdivision. **There will be a public hearing on this ordinance on October 17, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. at Town Hall.**

**Postponed Item** – Ordinance No 23-07-18 (A) – An ordinance relative to rezoning Pump Slough Property, A.G. Crowe – **Withdrawn at A.G. Crowe’s request.**

**Discussion Item** – Night Out Against Crime – Chief Sessions: Saturday October 14, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Police Department separated this event from trunk or treat to have one on one time with the kids. There will be food, music, and activities; fingerprinting, face painting, games, door prizes as well as McGruff the Crime Dog.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS** – **Mayor Lee:** Requested that Randy Smith speak. Outlined his qualifications as Sheriff. Third largest Sheriff’s office in the State. The goal is to keep St. Tammany Parish safe.

**Mayor Lee:** River Cleanup was successful; The drainage study models are coming in. I will call for a workshop with the engineer to discuss the next course of action. We are also looking into capital outlay funding. We are currently working on the 10” force sewer main. McDonald construction is currently waiting for DOTD approval. We will be constructing a raised triangle in front of the flower beds as instructed by the traffic engineers.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS** – Alderman Phillips: In agreement that a workshop is necessary to discuss the upcoming drainage projects. Alderman Galloway: Is there a certain street that needs to be done first? Mayor Lee: That will be up to the council. Another issue is the gas lines are shallow. Alderman Moray: Shout out to Troy Ellis for the fly over at the PRHS football game. Alderman Galloway: Sensory Day – Sunday October 22, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Pearl River Park. Alderman Schultheis: Trunk or Treat will be Saturday October 28, 2023, from 6:00-8:30 pm in front of Town Hall and the Museum.

**POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS** – Chief Sessions:  
**Capt. David Dean gave the August 2023 monthly report: See attached for complete report.**

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

**HONEY ISLAND MUSEUM** – Virgil Phillips: Will be helping with Trunk or Treat.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –SKIP PHILLIPS:** We were able to obtain 185,000 in funds to light the Track area at the High School. Waiting on the drawings and cost from the engineer for the boat launch. Working through some grants to assist in funding for the boat launch.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – MIKE SMITH:** No Representative

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

**PLANNING & ZONING – SKIP PHILLIPS:** Thanks to Ms. Angel and the board for all your hard work. We hope to have changes for zoning by the next meeting.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting.

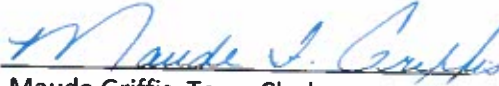
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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 7:55 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 17th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jack Sessions, Chief of Police*

## **The Month of August**

Total Calls Handled: 1,906

Open Investigations: 5

## **Notable Incidents**

On August 30, 2023, at about 12:45 p.m., the Creekside Junior High School received a bomb threat at the location. With the assistance of St. Tammany Sheriff Deputies, the Pearl River Police Department was able to successfully evacuate all the students and staff. Once everyone was safely evacuated St. Tammany Deputies and Pearl River Police Officers cleared the school and it was determined that the school was safe to enter. Based on the Pearl River School Resource Officers investigation, the SRO was able to identify the perpetrator. It was discovered that the perpetrator was a male juvenile from the Houston, Texas area. The SRO supervisor obtained an arrest warrant for the juvenile. The Pearl River Police Department is currently working on extradition of the juvenile.

On September 5, 2023, St. Tammany Sheriff's Deputies investigated a home invasion that left one perpetrator shot and killed and the homeowner and a house guest shot and injured. Based on the hard work of the St. Tammany Major Crimes Unit, they were able to identify and arrest four suspects in the shoot. On September 8, members of the St. Tammany SWAT unit assisting in the investigation and executed a search warrant on a trailer located in Twin Oaks trailer park. One subject was taken into custody.

## **Notable Arrest**

On August 23, Officers with the Pearl River Police Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, due to the vehicle not having a license plate. During the course of the Officers investigation, they learned that the driver had a warrant with the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office. The Officers discovered that

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the driver was in possession of 2 grams of Methamphetamine and a Glock handgun. The driver was placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

On August 29, Pearl River Police Officers responded to a disturbance at a local bar. As Officers arrived at the location and entered the Alcohol Beverage Outlet, the Officers came into contact with the perpetrator, who was trying to engage with another patron of the bar who the perpetrator had just gotten into a fight with. The officers escorted the perpetrator out the bar. During the course of the officer's investigation, the Officers learned that the perpetrator was armed with a S&W handgun which was in his front right pocket. After reviewing the video from the ABO, the officers determined that after the perpetrator had got into a fight, he exited the ABO, went to his vehicle and retrieved the handgun before entering back into the ABO. The subject was placed under arrest and charged accordingly.

## Arrests

Total Arrest: 18	Felony: 3	Misdemeanor: 11	Juvenile:1
DWI Arrest: 2	Arrest Warrants: 3	Search Warrants:0	

Narcotic Arrest: 2                      Narcotic seized: 2 grams of Methamphetamine.

Weapons Seized: 2

Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 339(292 of which were for speeding, 2 in a school zone)



# ***ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11***

***Jack Dockery, Fire Chief***

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## Chiefs Report

For August 2023

EMS	70
MVA	5
Service / GI	12
Dispatched / Cancel	14
False Alarm	1
Grass/ wood Fire	23
Vehicle Fire	1
Police Matter	3
Total	129