



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the August 20, 2024, Council Meeting. 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.**

Resolution Approval –

Resolution No. 24 24-08-03 – A Resolution relative to the Taylor Pointe Subdivision, Phase 2 Final Plat. Alderman Phillips 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.**

Public Hearings-

(a) Ordinance No. 24-08-20 (A) An Ordinance increasing the lot sizes in R-1, Single Family Residential Zones. Alderman Schultheis made the motion to Table, 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.**

(b) Ordinance No. 24-08-20 (B) An Ordinance increasing the lot sizes in R-1-A, Single Family Residential Zones. Alderman Schultheis made the motion to Table, 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 recent storm was a great preparedness test run. The crews did a great job. We had a good solid plan and great teamwork. The generators work great with the quick disconnects that M&M Electric installed. All the areas that were included in the initial drainage project are draining very well. The ditches did fill with water but drained, we had no water over the roads. We will be addressing other drainage areas. We will also be addressing the need to upgrade the lift station at the sewer plant. The 10' Sewer line is currently shut down until we have a plan to upgrade the lift station. We are waiting on a recommendation from PEC. Agile Cold Storage will be receiving \$100,000.00 in funds from the State to assist with the upgrade cost. Our Christmas program has been scheduled for December 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm. We will be extending some activities to the park. We have reached out to CLECO for assistance in getting the park lit. Mayor Lee stated that Budget vs Actual Report were placed in the Alderman's boxes – See attached for complete report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Phillips – He wants to exercise his right as an elected official to always have prayer at our council meeting. As an Alderman speaking for himself. I would like that on public record. Question to Major Dean: Is the police department checking occupational license for businesses in the Town of Pearl River. Major Dean request that if you see someone you suspect does not have an occupational license, please call the PD.

Alderman Franatovich- No additional comments.

Alderman Moray – No additional comments.

Alderman Galloway – Normally we would do sensory day in October but our shopper for Connie Cares is unable to assist with obtaining our items to donate. Alderman Galloway would like the Town to consider a movie night sometime in early November when the time changes.

Alderman Schultheis – Reminder that Trunk or Treat and Night Out Against Crime will be held on October 26, 2024, from 5-8 pm at Town Hall. Thanks to the Town workers, Police and Fire Dept as well as the reserves. Thanks to Mark Luna and Robin Dean for securing the lumber and all the linemen for. It was great teamwork.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:

Lt. Jason Germann gave the August 2024 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

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

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –Skip Phillips: Rec 5 boundary lines have expanded. All the documentation has been executed for the \$200,000.00 funds. Sent out RFP with only 1 response for the elevation work at the boat launch.

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle: Rec District 5 is expanding to include 7 members as well as the boundary lines. The Home Rule Charter Committee will vote on 4 members at the next meeting. David Cogle has nominated Mayor Lee; we need representation from Pearl River. Other discussed items were millages for the coroner’s office and rezoning an old PUD in St. Tammany Parish.

SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips:

**CD’s available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 8:07 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024



Honorable Joe D. Lee



Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of August

Total Calls Handled: 2036

Open Investigations: 12

Notable Incidents

On August 22, several vehicles were broken into from Church and Oak Street. The Pearl River Police Department along with the St. Tammany Sheriffs Officer is currently investigating the incident.

Notable Arrest

On August 11, Pearl River Officer was investigating a stolen Polars 4-Wheeler, that was taken from 64309 Hwy 41. Based on the Officer investigation, the Officer was able to develop a suspect. With the assistants of the St. Tammany Sheriffs Office, the Pearl River Officer located the suspect, who was placed under arrest for Theft of a motor vehicle. The Officer was also able to recovery the stolen 4-wheeler.

Over the past several months, the Pearl River Police Department received numerous citizen complaints regarding illegal narcotic activity at 64105 Hwy 3081, Messer Trailer Park. Acting on these concerns, our officers initiated an investigation, successfully identifying the individuals involved.

As a result of our investigation, we secured an arrest warrant for the distribution of methamphetamine and a search warrant for the location.

On Saturday morning, August 17, with the support of the Pearl River Special Response Team (S.R.T.), we executed the search warrant at the residence. During the operation, officers safely secured the premises and arrested the suspect as per the arrest warrant.

A thorough search of the residence led to the discovery of 34 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 1 gram of liquid methamphetamine, 14 grams of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia associated with the packaging and distribution of narcotics. The suspect now faces charges for possession with

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intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On August 19, while conducting a traffic stop investigation, Pearl River Officer discovered that the driver was in possession of a stolen 9 mm Sig Sauer. The Officer also discovered that the driver had a protective order against him. While being in possession of a firearm violated his protective order. The subject was placed under arrest for possession of stolen firearm and violating the protective order.

On August 27, while conducting traffic enforcement, Pearl River Police Officers clocked a Toyota at 93 MPH in a 70 MPH zone. The Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but the vehicle refused to pull over, traveling at high speeds on Pine Street. With the assistance of the St. Tammany Sheriff Office, the Officers were able to get the vehicle to stop. The driver was immediately placed under arrest for reckless operation. During the course of the Officer's investigation, the Officers learned that the driver was in possession of a 9 mm S&W handgun. The Officers also learned that the driver was a convicted felon. The driver was additionally charged with convicted felon in possession of a firearm. It should be noted that a newborn baby was also in the vehicle. The driver was additionally charged with Felony cruelty to a juvenile.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 16 Felony: 7 Misdemeanor: 9 Juvenile: 1

DWI Arrest: 4 Arrest Warrants: 2 Search Warrants: 5

Narcotic Arrest: 6 Narcotic seized: 26 grams of Marijuana, 36 Grams of Methamphetamine.

Stolen Vehicle recovered: 1 Polaris 4 Wheeler
Weapons Seized: 1 Sig Sauer 9 mm and 1 S&W 9 mm
Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 438



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Chiefs Report

For August 2024

EMS	58
Vehicle Fire	1
Structure Fire	3 All FD#7
Grass/Trash Fire	2
MVA	5
Service / GI	7
Dispatched / Cancel	6
False Alarm	9
Police	1
Total	92