



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 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 October 10, 2024, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman 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 October 15, 2024, Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS:

(a) Ordinance No. 24-11-19 (A) An Ordinance clarifying the buffer zone requirements in Recreational Resort and Recreational Vehicle Park Zones.

(b) Ordinance No. 24-11-19 (B) An Ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

There will be a public hearing on this Resolution on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

RESOLUTION INTRODUCTIONS:

(a) Resolution No. 24-11-01 - Resolution re-subdividing a parcel of land at 39321 Oak Street, Pearl River, LA as requested by Michael and Kean Koch.

(b) Resolution No. 24-11902 – A Resolution in opposition to the reduction of members on the St. Tammany Parish Council. **There will be a public hearing on this Resolution on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS- RESOLUTIONS –

(a) Resolution No. 24-10-01 – A Resolution re-subdividing a parcel of land fronting Pine Street and Highway 41, Pearl River, LA as petitioned by David Champagne.

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

(b) Resolution No. 24-11-02- A Resolution accepting the bid by Southern Underground of Louisiana, L.L.C. for the Gum Creek Water Main Project.

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

(c) Resolution No. 24-11-03 – A Resolution declaring certain property of the Town of Pearl River surplus and setting the method of disposing same.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee: Thanks to Kristy and Cheryl trunk or treat was a success. Next event is the Christmas program on Dec 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm. We will be breaking tradition this year, we will no longer have fireworks for Christmas. We had several children with autism leave the celebration before Santa came due to the noise. After the recent rain we are happy overall with the progress we have made in our drainage.

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: Thanks to all who supported the trunk or treat and night out against crime, with a special thanks to Brian Phillips. Without everyone's hard work we could not have done it. Also thanked David Cogle for his recommendation to have Mayor Lee on the Home Rule Charter Committee so we would still have a voice.

Alderman Galloway – Thanks to Mayor Lee for allowing her family to continue to make fruit baskets for the senior citizens of our Town. This was a tradition that Alderman Galloway's sister started with her son and she continues this tradition in his memory.

Alderman Moray – No comments at this time

Alderman Franatovich- Thanks to all who supported the trunk or treat especially Brian Phillips for his help.

Alderman Phillips- The Navy ROTC group at PRHS had their annual inspection. It was impressive to see 100+ students march in rhythm.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions:

Jayson Germann gave the October 2024 monthly report: See attached for complete report.

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

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 –Skip Phillips: No Comments at this time.

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle: Discussed the Home Rule Charter Committee and its role in the council. The HRC is to make recommendations to the council. The Parish would like to cut the members of the council in half. If that happens the remaining council members will be full-time with an assistant. They will have a larger district to represent. We will no longer have a council that is also a “businessman, schoolteacher, etc. We will have full-time politicians.

SCHOOL BOARD – MIKE PETERSON: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips: No Comments at this time.

**CD's available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 7:45 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



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Chiefs Report

For October 2024

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| EMS | 54 |
| Structure Fire | 4 (3 Dist. 7) |
| Vehicle Fire | 2 |
| Grass/Trash Fire | 3 |
| MVA | 9 |
| Service / GI | 6 |
| Fire Alarm | 4 |
| Total | 82 |



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of October

Total Calls Handled: 1848

Open Investigations: 15

Notable Incidents

In the month of October, the Pearl River Police Department celebrated Night Out Against Crime/ Trunk or Treat. The Pearl River Police Department also celebrated Halloween Night without any major incidents.

Notable Arrest

On Tuesday, October 1st, at about 10:30 PM, our proactive enforcement officer spotted an Orange Kia SUV that nearly ran a red light and had a headlight out. Based on the violations, the officer conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop investigation, the officer discovered the occupants of the vehicle to be in possession of 5 fentanyl pills, marijuana, and a 9 mm Glock handgun with no serial number.

On October 7, at approximately 2:00 am, the Pearl River Proactive Officer observed a Ford Edge turning onto the I-59 on ramp without utilizing their turn signal. Based on the traffic violation, the officer conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop investigation, the Officer discovered the occupants to be in possession of 46 grams of Cocaine, 3 Tramadol pills, 22 Ecstasy pills, and one 9 mm Glock handgun, along with drug paraphernalia consisted to the packaging and distribution of narcotics.

On October 23, the Pearl River Proactive Officer observed a Dodge Charger driving with no headlights. Based on the traffic violation, the Officer conducted stop on the I-59 north on ramp. During the course of the traffic stop investigation, the Officer discovered the driver to be in possession of marijuana, Methamphetamine and a 410 Rifle.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 42 Summons Issued: 16 Felony: 17
Misdemeanor: 23 Juvenile: 1

DWI Arrest: 2

Arrest Warrants: 5

Search Warrants: 3

Narcotic Arrest: 24 Narcotic seized: 91 grams of Marijuana, 2 Grams of Methamphetamine, 48 grams of Cocaine, 3 Tramadol, 5 Fentanyl and 22 Ecstasy

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Weapons Seized: Two 9mm Glock Handguns and a 410 Rifle.
Currency Seized: 0.

Total Citations: 432