



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and called to order by Mayor Lee at 10:00 a.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 and Attorney Tim Mathison.

Discussion: Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Mayor Joe Lee began the meeting by discussing the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The big change will start the year with a budget of \$550,000 in court fines. For the record, we are at \$943,000 for this year. He only put down on this budget the health insurance policy information. He budgeted \$84,000 for this category. When you get the one that we vote on, you will see a change. He is going to take the \$12,000 out of the insurance and add it to the payroll.

Mayor Lee reported that they did not get the funds from the sexual offender reporting, surplus property revenue, and highway safety grants. We were told by the PD that we would get those funds. Budgeted \$1,050,000 for projected sales tax revenue and school board resource, \$323,000, resource officers. From the general, he is budgeting to send over \$400,000 to give them a total revenue of \$1.8 million. David was supposed to give him a budget with his numbers. It is \$1.8 million on the budget. Let him know how they want to spend it.

Mayor Lee moved on to the Street Department. No huge changes from last year. They budgeted \$1.1 million for the project. We are going to open the bids on this project on Thursday at 1:00 pm for Calhoun St. Project, drainage. He is putting \$1.1 million into the drainage and repairs line item. We'll know more on Thursday.

Mayor Lee explained for the Sewer Department, they are going to transfer \$200,000 from the general fund. They are already transferring in some from the restricted fund. They are adding an additional \$200,000 to the repair service line from \$455,000 to \$655,000. There should be more funds in the restrictive fund balance.

Mayor Lee brought to the attention of the council that they always separated the payroll into regular and overtime. When the regular payroll goes up, overtime goes down. It is best to put everything on one line that way you don't have to move money around.

Mayor Lee moved on to the Water Department. When he did this budget, he didn't get the confirmation on LGAP yet. He will add \$38,000 to this from LGAP. He is going to put it in capital expenditure so that he can buy that piece of equipment.

Mayor Lee asked the council to look at the commercial rates. They are very low. We need to adjust those rates.

CD's available to purchase.

**MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 10:54 AM**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 29th DAY OF JANUARY 2025


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Gina Hattier, Deputy Clerk