



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2025, 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 (Absent), Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Alderman Galloway and Alderman 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 March 18, 2025, Council Meeting. Alderman Moray made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the March 25, 2025, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Galloway made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the April 8, 2025, Special Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, Yea; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION – Ordinance No. 25-04-15 – An Ordinance relative to the final FY2024 budget. **There will be a Public Hearing on this ordinance on May 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

RESOLUTIONS –

Resolution R 25-04-01 – A Resolution relative to hiring engineering services for the FY 26-27 State of Louisiana CDBG Program.

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

Resolution R 25-04-02 – A Resolution relative to hiring administration services for the FY 26-27 State of Louisiana CDBG Program.

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

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 25-03-25- An Ordinance relative to the Community Service Litter Abatement Work Program.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee: Easter was a huge success. Thanks to all the employees who participated as well as a special thanks to Chris and Jubilee and of course my wife Maria. We also would like to thank Agile Cold Storage for their participation. They are going to be a great addition to our community. It was a perfect day to show off the park.

Mayor Lee stated that Budget vs Actual Report were placed in the Alderman's boxes

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Franatovich – Special Thanks to Angel Galloway for her participation in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Alderman Moray – The Park is looking great, and the fans are a great addition.

Alderman Galloway – Thanked 1st Baptist Church for their participation as well as encouraging younger members of the church to participate.

Alderman Schultheis – The Easter egg hunt was wonderful. Everyone went above and beyond, very proud of Pearl River.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions –

Jayson Germann gave the Police Report for the month of March 2025. See attached for the complete report. (No additional Comments)

FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – No Representative

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – Skip Phillips: No Representative

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle: HRC is to meet in 2 weeks if anyone would like to attend. Since the spay/neuter ordinance passed the shelters are already becoming overcrowded. He has had a discussion with Chief Sessions and Major Dean in reference to an ICE program that allows some federal funds to be used to train local officers in the ICE data base

SCHOOL BOARD – Mike Peterson – Encouraged everyone to vote on May 3 for the bond renewal. If passed these funds will be used for facility improvement and will free up additional funds for additional needs, such as salary increases. In provided an update on the STEM and block program.

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips – No Representative

ADJOURNED

**CD's available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 7:32 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 20th DAY OF May 2025


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

The Month of March

Total Calls Handled: 1947

Open Investigations: 14

Notable Arrest

On March 4, while running stationary radar, Pearl River Officer observed a Toyota truck traveling 84 MPH in a 70 MPH zone. Based on the traffic violation, the Officer conducted a traffic stop. While conducting the traffic investigation, the Officers observed in plain view what he believed to be a crack pipe in the cup holder. The Officer removed the driver from the vehicle and located a 9mm Ruger handgun under the steering wheel, 3 Suboxones in the driver's wallet and 1 gram of THC wax, and 2 THC vapes in the back seat.

On March 17, Pearl River Officer observed a vehicle leaving McDonalds that did not have any taillights. Based on the violation, the Officer conducted a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop, the driver notified the Officer that there was a handgun in the center console. When the Officer went to retrieve the handgun from the center console, the Officer located a small amount of Marijuana. The Officer then elected to search the vehicle for any additional contra band. The Officer located a book bag under the driver's seat that contained an additional 14 grams of marijuana and paraphernalia consistent with the packaging and distribution of narcotics.

On March 23, a Pearl River Officer observed a vehicle on Hwy 1090, driving without its head lights on. Based on the violation, the Officer elected to conduct a traffic stop. During the course of the traffic stop the driver admitted to being in possession of marijuana. The Officer elected to search the vehicle and located 78 grams of marijuana and paraphernalia consistent with the packaging and distribution of narcotics.

PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 30, Pearl River Officers responded to a possible aggravated assault that occurred at the Circle K. The Officers located the victim, who stated that he was parked at the Circle K with a female friend, when the female friend ex-boyfriend drove up. The ex-boyfriend then approached the victim's vehicle brandishing a handgun and stated, "who wants it first". The female friend then exited the victim's vehicle at which time the victim fled the scene. The victim then contacted 911 due to the ex-boyfriend following him in his vehicle. After investigation and checking several residents for the ex-boyfriend, the Officers spotted the ex-boyfriend driving. The Officers located and detained the ex-boyfriend pending the Officers investigation. During the course of the investigation, the Officers located a 9 mm Taurus and a shot gun in the ex-boyfriend's vehicle. The ex-boyfriend eventually admitted that he had confronted the victim with the gun out of anger.

Arrests

Total Arrest: 32 Felony: 10 Misdemeanor: 20 Juvenile:2

DWI Arrest: 2 Arrest Warrants: 1 Search Warrants:1

Narcotic Arrest: 23 Narcotic seized: 105 grams of Marijuana, 6 THC Vapes 3 suboxone and 1 gram of Fentanyl

Weapons Seized: 9mm Smith and Wesson, 9 mm Taurus, 9mm Ruger and a shotgun.

Currency Seized:

Total Citations: 502