



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
January 20, 2026, 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, Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Alderman Galloway and Alderman Schultheis, also present; Mayor Lee, Attorney Tim Mathison and Chief Jack Sessions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the December 16, 2025, Council Meeting. Alderman Moray made a 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.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 25-12-16 – An Ordinance relative to the annexation of property located at 65338 Hwy 41 Spur as petitioned by Guy Butterworth. Alderman Schultheis made a 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: gave the floor to Brian Phillips who is promoting the Town Clean Up on March 21, 2026; 2 officers have been requested. Mayor Lee announced the date for the Easter Celebration will be 03/28/2026 in the park. The next council meeting will be held on February 10, 2026 due to the Mardi Gras holiday. Mayor Lee stated that Budget vs Actual Report were placed in the Alderman's boxes.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Schultheis – One of the best things about living in Pearl River is that we have Police Officers and Fire Fighters that we can depend on and are always willing to go the extra mile to serve our community. Both departments for the past couple of months have faced some challenges with the fires, shooting on the spur, the man on the water tower and the other fire on the spur. Ya'll have done this with dedication and no loss of life. I am so proud of ya'll. I want to give ya'll a heartfelt thanks.

Alderman Galloway – Without giving away too much of my family’s situation, I want to give a shout out to John Polk. I had a situation with my daughter trying to keep my grandson safe. When other things were failing us. I had to look at the situation and pray to God. If it wasn’t for John Polk and the strategic way he handled the things I feel that he saved my grandson from some bad things happening to him. I don’t know the family law, but I know that it is a broken system. I know it took GOD, a good attorney and John Polk doing his job to protect my grandson. For that I am grateful. I am also grateful to Jack even if we have argued he just ask “what do you need” he doesn’t hold it against me. As much as I appreciate, ya’ll, we are getting ready to go into an executive session. We have some good police officers, I feel they are good officers, some have law suits and some feel that they have not be treated right. I want to be fair to everyone. I want to ask God for wisdom and ask for prayers from everybody.

Alderman Moray – No additional comments

Alderman Franatovich – No additional comments

Alderman Phillips – Feb 1, is the parade, Brian Phillips is the grand marshal. It is a reverse route. Starting at Town hall. The boys and girls basketball teams are doing well. The are going to district and the boys stand a chance to win.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions –

Captain Gerald Young gave the Police Report for the month of December 2025. See attached for complete report. In addition, he gave an overview of the recent incidents in Pearl River. The PD will be posting no reptiles or dogs on the parade route per the Town Ordinance.

FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY – No Representative

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – Skip Phillips: Flag FB started tonight; Boat launch is looking good, hope to have the fence stained to match the pavilions; Possibly another 5K race in April.

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips –

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle – Rec 5 will be re-appointing members; Resolution is being presented to designate Hwy 36 to Hwy 41 up to lock 1 as Stg Michael Guillory Memorial Hwy; discussed other business such as recent ordinances and zoning changes.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mike Peterson – No Representative

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Alderman Galloway made a motion to move to an Executive Session. Seconded by Alderman Schultheis. **All in favor, So moved.**

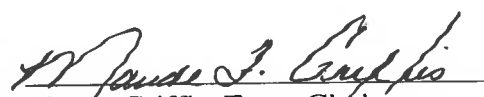
Alderman Phillips authorizes the town to make the motions that we discussed in the executive session and to move forward with those decisions.

ADJOURNED

**CD’s available to purchase.
MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 7:52 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 10th DAY OF February 2026


Honorable Joe D. Lee


Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

January 20, 2026

**December 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025
PRPD STATS**

Calls for service-1266

Traffic Stops- 271

Follow up Investigations-20

1-SRT Call, suspect shot at pedestrian and had loaded himself in his home with a firearm and refused to surrender. SRT was called out and after several hours the SRT made entry into the suspect's residence and took him into custody without any injuries to anyone.

The owner of Power Sports Rescue Shop was arrested by the PRPD in Covington Louisiana and charged with another 8 Cases of theft.

**Jack Sessions
Chief of Police**