



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
April 21, 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.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

- (a) Brian Hopkins – 39 years
- (b) Phillip Burge – 28 years
- (c) Ricky Hamm – 22 years
- (d) Peter Herrmann – 20 years

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2026, Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Franatovich. 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.**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCTION:

Resolution No. 26-03-03 – A Resolution relative to the re-subdivision of property located at 39224 Pine Street as requested by Tim Moray. **There will be a public hearing on this Resolution on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

Ordinance No. 26-04-21 – An Ordinance relative to amending the FY2025 budget. **There will be a public hearing on this Resolution on May 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee: The Splash Pad should be complete by May 1. We will have a grand opening the date has not yet been set. The Easter Program was a huge success thanks to all who participated and donated, especially Chris and the Jubilee as well as the Family Drug Mart. The Sewer Tax Renewal will be on the May 16th ballot. Last year this tax brought in \$306,000.00. Please spread the word it is imperative that this tax passes. If it fails, the resident will have to bear the burden. The tax is dedicated to the sewer department. The tax is collected through all who spend money in Pearl River. Da’Pearl has donated Please Vote signs.

Brian Phillips thanked all the vendors who donated and all the volunteers who participated in the Town Clean Up. We were able to purchase shirts for all the volunteers. It looked nice for everyone working to have a shirt. Mayor Lee thanked Brian for his hard work in spearheading the Town Clean Up.

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –

Alderman Schultheis – No Additional Comments

Alderman Galloway – Thanks to Maria for all of her help on all of the Towns projects. When Mayor Lee was elected, we got 2 for 1. Thanks to Mayor Lee for organizing the event and all the clerks for stuffing easter eggs. Without Chris at Jubilee most of our events would not be possible. Thanks to First Baptist, the Gideons, the Police Department and Brenda Wichterich for her help in getting donations from McDonald and Sonic and Texas Roadhouse.

Alderman Moray – We need to get the word out about the sewer tax renewal. Talk to all your neighbors. What can we do about the trash at the Chevron and the Family Dollar?

Alderman Franatovich – No Additional Comments

Alderman Phillips – The Easter Egg hunt was great we had a good time. Congratulations to all the guys on years of service. Lady Rebels softball won the playoffs. Boys baseball will be playing this coming week. The Sweet Tea and Free Trees will be held on Sunday April 26 from 2-6 pm. It is a fund raiser for scholarships.

POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions –

Captain Gerald Young gave the Police Report for the month of March 2026.
See attached for complete report.

FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY –

Chief Jack Dockery gave the monthly report for March 2026.
See attached for complete report.

Fire District 11 also has a millage renewal on the May 16th ballot. This tax renewal represents about one fourth of their total budget. If the tax fails it will affect manpower and ambulance service

RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – Skip Phillips: No Representative

PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips – No Representative

PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle – Speed tables have been installed on Morgan Bluff Road, and it seems to be working. They are a good compromise between speed bumps and speeding. Special Council Meeting to be held on the 30th about funding for the DA, Coroner and the Jail. Rec 5 funding is in the process of being resolved. Rec 7 has a new appointment. The wastewater class will be offered at Pearl River High. – Mayor Lee stated that the pilot program will be held at Mandeville High.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mike Peterson – No Representative

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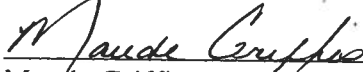
MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 7:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2026



Honorable Joe D. Lee



Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jack Sessions, Chief of Police

Date 4-21-2026

****Monthly Statistics for March 2026****

- ****Calls for Service:**** 1,134
- ****Auto Accidents:**** 17
- ****Traffic Stops:**** 279
- ****Traffic Incidents **** 24

Notable Incidents:**


A school teacher from Riverside Elementary was arrested for several counts of Cruelty to a Juvenile for closing students' mouths with tape. Very young children.

Boat & trailer reported stolen from boat launch, it was later discovered it was not stolen. As first reported.

Follow-up cases-17

Dog Attacks on Animals: Suspect located; issued a summons for having dangerous dogs. Sent to the 22nd Judicial Court for prosecution.

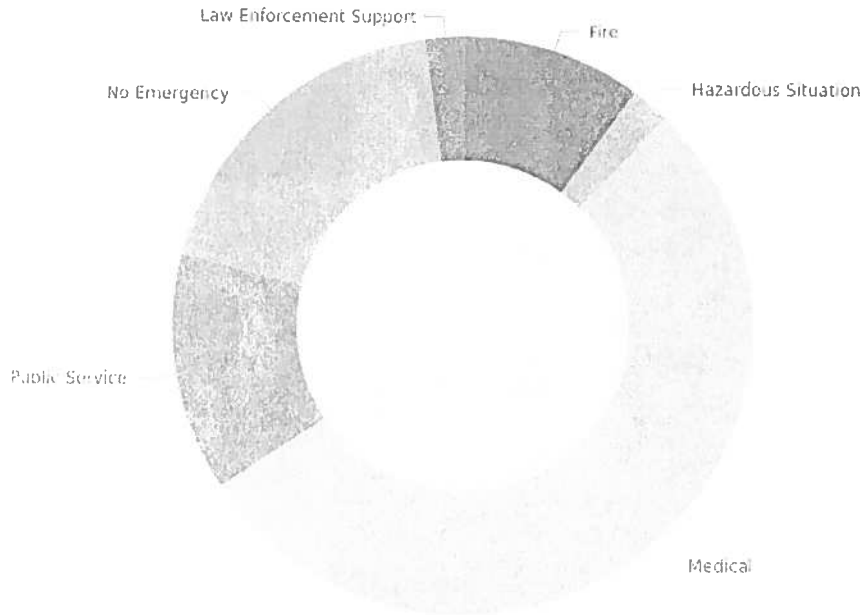
Three male suspects were arrested in Pearl River with several firearms, and all had (Last night) black ski masks. Suspects were convicted felons and charged. (Hillhouse).



Captain Gerald Young
Patrol Commander



FDR-IR: Incident Count by Primary Incident Type



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP / PRIMARY INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fire	9	10.00%
Fire - Outside Fire - Construction Waste	1	1.11%
Fire - Outside Fire - Trash / Rubbish Fire	2	2.22%
Fire - Outside Fire - Vegetation / Grass Fire	2	2.22%
Fire - Outside Fire - Wildfire - Wildland	1	1.11%
Fire - Structure Fire - Structural Involvement	2	2.22%

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St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 11
 Address: 64279 Hwy 3081, Pearl River, LA, 70452



PRIMARY INCIDENT GROUP / PRIMARY INCIDENT TYPE	COUNT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fire - Transportation Fire - Vehicle Fire - Passenger	1	1.11%
Hazardous Situation	2	2.22%
Hazardous Situation - Hazardous Materials - Gas Leak / Gas Odor	1	1.11%
Hazardous Situation - Investigation - Odor	1	1.11%
Medical	48	53.33%
Medical - Illness - Back Pain (Non-Trauma)	2	2.22%
Medical - Illness - Breathing Problems	4	4.44%
Medical - Illness - Cardiac Arrest	1	1.11%
Medical - Illness - Chest Pain (Non-Trauma)	5	5.56%
Medical - Illness - Convulsions / Seizures	2	2.22%
Medical - Illness - Diabetic Problems	1	1.11%
Medical - Illness - Headache	1	1.11%
Medical - Illness - Heart Problems	2	2.22%
Medical - Illness - Pregnancy / Childbirth	1	1.11%
Medical - Illness - Psychological Behavior Issues	2	2.22%
Medical - Illness - Sick Case	4	4.44%
Medical - Illness - Unconscious Victim	1	1.11%
Medical - Illness - Altered Mental Status	3	3.33%
Medical - Illness - Nausea / Vomiting	2	2.22%

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Medical - Illness - Unknown Problem	1	1.11%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Assault	1	1.11%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Choking	2	2.22%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Fall	4	4.44%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Motor Vehicle Collision	6	6.67%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Hemorrhage / Laceration	1	1.11%
Medical - Injury / Trauma - Stab / Penetrating Trauma	1	1.11%
Medical - Other - Medical Alarm	1	1.11%
Public Service	12	13.33%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Person In Distress	1	1.11%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Citizen Assist / Service Call	1	1.11%
Public Service - Citizen Assist - Lift Assist	8	8.89%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - Fire / Smoke Alarm	1	1.11%
Public Service - Alarms (Non Medical) - CO Alarm	1	1.11%
No Emergency	17	18.89%
No Emergency - False Alarm - Malfunctioning Alarm	5	5.56%
No Emergency - Good Intent - No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error	6	6.67%
No Emergency - Good Intent - Controlled Burning (Authorized)	1	1.11%
No Emergency - Cancelled	5	5.56%

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Law Enforcement Support	2	2.22%
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Total	90	100.00%