



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
April 29, 2026, at 11:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and called to order by Mayor Lee at 11:00 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, Alderman Franatovich, Alderman Moray, Alderman Galloway and Alderman Schultheis, also present; Mayor Lee, Attorney Tim Mathison and Chief Jack Sessions.

**RESOLUTION:**

**Resolution 26-04-01** – A Resolution declaring as surplus certain Town property. Alderman Galloway 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 HEARING ORDINANCE:**

**Ordinance No. 26-04-27** – An Ordinance relative to amending the FY2026 budget. Alderman Phillips made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Schultheis.

**DISCUSSION:** We are adding \$250,000.00 to the Police Dept budget from funds appropriated from the State. We are replacing \$100,000.00 in funds used from the park fund to settle two claims against the Police Department. The funds will be used to move forward with the construction of new bathrooms. Questions from Crystal Wynne: Did the Towns insurance cover the cost of lawsuits? Mayor Lee: Insurance only covered the cost of the attorney's fees and mediation cost. The settlement cost is at the Towns expense. We have multiple lawsuits; MPERS and the Federal Lawsuit which includes unpaid overtime and harassment. Any payouts will eventually necessary payouts will be made from the emergency fund.

Chief Jack Sessions was asked if the money comes out of his budget? Response "I'm not sure. Are you talking about the federal one; which one are you talking about?" Ms. Wynne said all of them. Chief Sessions stated that he was under the impression that the lawsuits recently settled were not supposed to go anywhere. Mayor Lee stated that they were settled upon the recommendation of the attorney who stated that if this goes to trial it could be disastrous for the Town. Is there a chance of settling the Federal case. Ms. Wynne asked why wasn't the issues like overtime time issue settled before it became a

lawsuit? What about the EEOC complaints? Have they been investigated by the state? Mayor Lee responded: "That they are currently investigating. Ms. Wynne asked Chief Sessions if they had been contacted by EEOC and he stated "No". Capt. Young stated that they had not received any complaints, so no investigations have been done and EEOC has not asked for any documentation. Ms. Wynne stated we have a lot of complaints for a Town with our population.

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.**

**ADJOURNED**

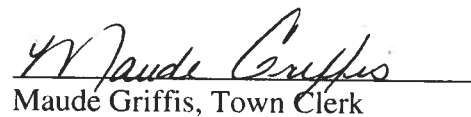
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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 11:12 A.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 19th DAY OF MAY 2026**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk