



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 19, 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.

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Dr. Kevin Caillouet, Director, St Tammany Parish Mosquito Abatement District; Discussed the upcoming millage renewal on June 27, 2026, it supports 100% of the services provided and why Mosquito Abatement Matters: Safeguards Public Health; Protection against mosquito-transmitted diseases (WNV/EEE/SLE). The program includes Five Core Components: Surveillance, Larval Control, Adult Control, Outreach and evaluation. For more information you can contact [stpmad.org](http://stpmad.org).

Alderman Moray made a motion to Take Resolution 26-05-01 off the floor; seconded by Alderman Galloway.

**RESOLUTION 26-05-01:** Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Special Election held on Saturday May 16, 2026.

Alderman Moray made a motion to accept. Seconded by Alderman Galloway; **All in favor, So moved.**

Alderman Moray made a motion to take the Ordinance 26-05-19 (B) Introduction off the floor; Seconded by Alderman Galloway.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 26-05-19 (B):** An Ordinance providing for the continued levy within the Town of Pearl River, State of Louisiana, effective July 1, 2026 of a 0.25% sales and use tax. Authorized by special election on May 16, 2026.

Alderman Moray 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.**

**There will be a public hearing on this Ordinance on June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the April 21, 2026, Council Meeting. 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.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the April 27, 2026, Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. 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.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Lee called for the approval of the minutes for the April 29, 2026, Council Meeting. Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Moray. 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.**

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

Ordinance No. 26-05-19 – Outdoor Lighting.

**There will be a public hearing on this Resolution on June 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:** Hurricane Preparedness; Duties of the Alderman remain the same as previous years. Emergency contact numbers have changed.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Resolution No. 26-03-03 – A Resolution relative to the re-subdivision of property located at 39224 Pine Street as requested by Tim Moray.

Alderman Schultheis made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway.

Alderman Moray stated that he purchased the property and intends to keep two of the lots to enlarge in current property. Mayor Lee called for a roll call vote; Alderman Phillips, Yea; Alderman Franatovich, Yea; Alderman Moray, abstained; Alderman Galloway, Yea; Alderman Schultheis, Yea. **All in favor, So moved.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Ordinance No. 26-04-21 – An Ordinance relative to finalizing the FY2025 budget.

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.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –Mayor Lee:** Thanks to all the voters. It says something about our town; they trust us to do the right thing. They see us working at night on repairs whenever needed. Saturday May 23, 2026 is the grand opening of the splash pad at 11:00 am. It looks great. We were waiting for the sod to take root. Thanks to Maria for cutting with the push mower. Holmes street drainage project is moving along. The gas company is moving their gas lines. Once that is complete, we can put it out for bid. The Craddock Street project design work is almost complete. Waiting on projected cost.

#### **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS & REPORTS –**

**Alderman Schultheis** – Thanks to all the voters who supported the millage renewal, Brian with STRW for posting information and Da’Pearl for donating the signs. Please keep the Gaines family in your prayers for the loss of their 2-year-old daughter.

**Alderman Galloway** – Thanks to all the voters. We were rooting for the fire dept millage to pass. We appreciate having our own ambulance service.

**Alderman Moray** – Thanks to Brian Phillips for all his Facebook post. It was important to get the message out. Thanks to Da’Pearl for the signs.

**Alderman Franatovich** – No additional comments

**Alderman Phillips** – Thanks to the voters. Splash pad opening on Saturday.

#### **POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS & REPORTS – Chief Sessions –**

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

Discussion from the floor: Mayor Lee, thanked Capt. Young for their response to the issue with the dogs attacking other animals in the neighborhood. A couple of the cats were his and some belonged to another employee (Sammy). We will be presenting the new version of ordinance from Animal Control for adoption. People should not have to wait to bury their pets before something gets done.

Ms. Crystal Wynn: I have the same question as I had last month. I submit a public records request through the attorney at Town Hall for information from the police dept and the deadline is 20 days by statue. Capt. Young asked, “did you fill out our form? I do not have to; Under the statue as a citizen, I have the option to request the records from the Town. Capt. Young stated: The record holder for our agency is the Police Dept. is the Chief of Police. For the Town it is Attorney Tim Mathison. The statute does not define one side or the other. Capt. Young asked why won’t you complete the form? Ms. Wynn stated because she made her request in a legal manner. Capt. Young; The Police Dept. requires the form to be completed. Ms. Wynn: Show me in the statue where it defines that. The law states that a public records request can be made through Town Hall.

Rebecca Noullet: I have sent a request for public records over 20 times as well as to all the council members on the proper form over a year ago and still have not received anything. Capt. Young stated; send it to me and let me look at it. The request was sent directly to the Chief, and still no response. Capt. Young stated that he did not receive it. He was not here a year ago and doesn’t know about her case. Ms.

Noulet stated that he does because he was the one that fired her. Capt. Young stated that he works on the command staff, and they asked him to dismiss her. He stated, "you were fired and you need to move on".

Capt. Young stated that police public records request must complete the proper form and send it to the Chief of Police. Mayor Lee stated that a public request received at Town Hall and forwarded to the Police Department should be a Public Records Request.

**FIRE DISTRICT 11 – CHIEF DOCKERY –**

Captain Mitchell Geissler gave the monthly report for April 2026.  
See attached for complete report.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5 – Skip Phillips:** We are actively registering for the soccer program. We have soccer camp on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup>. The season will start after that. Still waiting on Bob Owen to get exact numbers for the Boat Launch not the dredging that will be separate. It will cost a little over \$200,000.00 to complete what we need. We have applied for 1.5 million in capital outlay for 300 feet of bulkhead. We are 2 years into a 10-year plan. We have spoken to Kevin at DSLD about dumping dirt which will be a cost saver. Brian Phillips will be installing a "Don't Drink and Drive" in the boat sign at the boat launch. Thanks to the Police Dept for busting the kids doing donuts at the launch.

**PLANNING & ZONING – Skip Phillips –** Currently working on zones might push them back to July or later. We need to slow down and make sure it is correct.

**PARISH COUNCIL DISTRICT #9 – David Cogle –** Congratulations on passing your millages passing. The millage for lighting district 4 did not pass This will affect the Ponderosa Subdivision and Pine Ext area. Discussed how ordinance changes will be handled; third party inspectors and conditional use will be discussed at the next meeting. The memorial highway for Sgt Michael Guillory has not been set may be scheduled in December at Rec District 7; In June there may be a proposal for a sales tax for public safety. Any agency that will receive this tax may be required to submit to an efficiency audit to show they are spending funds correctly.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mike Peterson –** No Representative

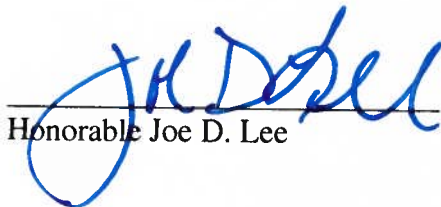
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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 8:07 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THE 16th DAY OF JUNE 2026**

  
Honorable Joe D. Lee

  
Maude Griffis, Town Clerk



# PEARL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Jack Sessions, Chief of Police*

Date 5-19-2026

## **\*\*Monthly Statistics for April 2026\*\***

- **\*\*Calls for Service:\*\***1,076
- **\*\*Auto Accidents:\*\*** 17
- **\*\*Traffic Stops:\*\*** 389
- **\*\*Traffic Incidents \*\*** 26

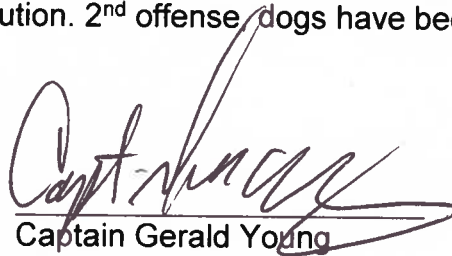
### **Notable Incidents:\*\***

2- Fugitive Warrant, suspects apprehended in Pearl River.

Follow-up cases-22

4 Dog bite incidents.

Dog Attacks on Animals: Suspect located; issued a summons for having dangerous dogs. Sent to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court for prosecution. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense dogs have been confiscated turned over Animal Control.

  
Captain Gerald Young  
Patrol Commander



# ST. TAMMANY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11 MONTHLY CALL VOLUME

## APRIL 2026



# 85

**TOTAL  
FOR THE MONTH**  
*341 FOR THE YEAR*

### CALL TYPES



# 1

**1 MUTUAL AID  
FROM FD7**

**STRUCTURE FIRES**

Residential, Commercial & Mutual Aid



# 0

**VEHICLE FIRES**



# 4

**1 MUTUAL AID / WOODS FIRE  
TO FD7**

**OTHER FIRES**

Woods, Grass, Trash, Etc.



# 2

**MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES**



# 47

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**



# 9

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

Assists and Service Calls



# 11

**1 MUTUAL AID  
TO FD7**

**CANCELED OR NO INCIDENT FOUND**

Wrong Location or No Incident Found



# 5

**2 MUTUAL AID  
TO FD7**

**FALSE ALARMS OR GOOD INTENT**



# 4

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT**



# 2

**INCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

Smoke, Odor or Potential Incident Investigation



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