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The following minutes were taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on November 15, 2016 at the Town Hall in Pearl River. Mayor McQueen called the meeting to order at 6:58p.m.

David McGregor gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Walsh, Bennett, Phillips, Cutrer and McGregor were present. Also present were Attorney Mathew Daigle and Det. Danny Hunter in for Chief Jennings who was out sick.

Mayor McQueen called for approval of the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on October 18, 2016. Alderman Cutrer moved for the approval of the minutes, seconded by Alderman McGregor.

All in Favor. So Moved.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance #16-18-10, "Insurance Tax Collections" LAMATS and Ordinance #16-19-10, "Occupational License Tax" LAMATS; Mayor called for a motion to accept both ordinances. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, Alderman Phillips made the second. **All in Favor. So Moved.**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing and asked the council if they had anything to add. The Mayor explained what LAMATS was and what they will be doing for the Town of Pearl River. The Mayor closed the public hearing and the motion was made again to accept.

OLD BUSINESS:

Billy Burkett with Global Recovery Disaster discussed and explained the progress of the Town's recovery claims from previous storms and floods. Billy also answered questions from the council. To hear the entire conversation, please see the CD.

The Mayor asked the council to approve the Proposed Revised 2016 Budget. Alderman Walsh moved that the Revised 2016 Budget be approved with the change to the Police Dept. line item containing the six thousand dollars for an attorney. Motion seconded by Alderman Bennett, the mayor called for all approved.

Mayor McQueen opened a Public Meeting on the 2016 Revised Budget. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing and asked the council for a motion to pass. Alderman Bennett made the motion to pass the Revised 2016 Budget, seconded by Alderman Walsh.

All in Favor. So Moved.

Let the record show that Attorney Mathison has joined the meeting and Attorney Daigle has left the bench.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Budget was introduced by Mayor McQueen. The mayor said the Police Department still had work to do on their budget; Chief would work on it and get us a copy when he is done. The council will have time to look it over and we will call a special meeting the week after Thanksgiving to go over any questions or changes. December 20th will be the Public Hearing.

Ordinance #16-15-11 "Commercial Grease Trap/Interceptors" was introduced by Mayor McQueen. Public Hearing to be held on December 20th at the Town Meeting.

COMMENTS & REPORTS:

Alderman Bennett recognized several local special guests; Veterans.

Det. Danny Hunter recognized six local police officers who are also Veterans.

Alderman Bennett addressed the public; please see attached pages.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McQueen announced the dates for the Mid-Winter Conference to be held on Feb. 6 & 7, 2017.

The Mayor also reminded the council that the agenda closes on Thursday at 3:00pm the week before the Town Meeting and that there will be no additions or changes to that agenda past that time unless it is an emergency approved by the Mayor.

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Det. Danny Hunter read a letter from Chief Jennings regarding the towing of cars on Halloween Night.

PARISH COUNCIL:

None

RECREATION DISTRICT #5:

Peter Finger spoke but had nothing new to report. The mayor will get Peter the Cooperative Endeavor between Rec. District 5 and The Town of Perl River.

FIRE DISTRICT 11:

Fire Chiefs Report: 64 EMS, 3 MVA, 5 False Alarms, 1 Assist Police, 2 Structure Fires, and 3 Wood Fires for a total of 78. Chief reported that station 113 would be opening soon.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

Ms. Lola spoke about the camper trailer that has been allowed because of the ex-mayors home fire. A permit for the variance has been issued. They are also working on the zoning of the streets. The commission recommended that the variance be extended to 1 year. Alderman Walsh made the motion to keep the variance at six months. The Mayor called for a motion to set the variance at six months, there was no second; the motion failed. Alderman Bennett made the motion to extend the variance to one year. The

Mayor called for a motion to extend the variance to one year; motion made by Alderman Bennett second by Alderman Phillips.
All in Favor. So Moved.

SCHOOL BOARD:

Peggy Seeley gave an update on Pearl River High School Renovations. She also talked about some of the changes that will be made to the parking areas at Creekside Jr. High.

OTHER COMMENTS:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED
AT 9:12 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Carla Benelli, Town Clerk

Honorable David McQueen, Mayor