



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and so called to the order by Mayor McQueen at 7:00 P.M. Mayor McQueen named the residents of Pearl River that have passed away since the last Council Meeting: William Overstreet, Deacon Richard Caulkins, Marcella Ernewein, Mr. Winfield Ledet, Gavin Gachere Jr. and Mrs. Violet Serpas. The Mayor then asked the audience and Council to pray a special prayer for their families.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Aldermen Galloway, Walsh, McGregor, Lee, Bennett along with Mayor McQueen, Chief Sessions, Attorney Mathison and Attorney Daigle. Absent: None

**INVOCATION:**

The Invocation was given by Alderman Bennett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for December 18, 2018. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for January 8, 2019 Special Meeting. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen then called for the approval of the minutes for January 15, 2019. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Lee. **All In favor. So moved.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Mayor introduced Ordinance 2019-02-01 Livestock to be amended and announced it would be open to a public hearing at the next Council Meeting March 19, 2019.

The Mayor then introduces Ordinance 2019-02-02 Senior Citizen/Disability Discount for Sewer & Water to be amended with the option of three different amounts for qualifying for the discount. Option A in the amount of \$17,000, Option B in the amount of \$18,000 and last Option C in the amount of \$20,000.

The Mayor stated that Ordinance 2019-02-02 would also be open to a public hearing at the March 19, 2019 Council Meeting.

Mr. Pellegrin asked the Mayor and Council to take in consideration when amending the Senior Citizen/Disability Discount Ordinance to offer a discount to veterans in good standing. Mayor McQueen told Mr. Pellegrin that he would ask the Council to consider this and at the next Council Meeting the Ordinance would be open for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Appointments for the Planning Commission**

Mayor McQueen stated next was the appointments for the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alderman Walsh asked the Council if they would consider tabling the appointing.

Alderman Bennett made a motion to open for discussion, Alderman McGregor seconded.

Alderman Bennett and Alderman Walsh discussed both the tabling and the appointing of the board with their term limits.

Mayor McQueen called for a motion on the floor for the Council to vote to either decide to table the appointments with term limits or appoint them.

Alderman Walsh then called for a roll call vote.

Alderman Galloway- No

Alderman Walsh- Yea

Alderman McGregor- Yea

Alderman Lee- Yea

Alderman Bennett- No

The Mayor stated the vote to be 3/2 in favor of tabling the appointments and said it would be resolved at the next Council Meeting.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- **Alderman Bennett– Resolution for Video Council Meetings**

Alderman Bennett voiced her concerns that she had in reference to Resolution 17-05-17 Broadcasting the Council Meetings. She noted one of the major downfalls was that it could open the Town computer system to be compromised. The recordings could be used in a negative way against the Town and Aldermen. And the broadcasting could cause the Town Hall numerous of disgruntled calls after residents have viewed the meetings and certain ordinances or decisions have already been passed. She stated she did not feel it was cost effective for the Town to pursue. Alderman Bennett asks the Council to consider amending the Resolution by taking out broadcast and to reduce the fee for the purchase of the broadcast from \$25.00 to a lower amount.

Alderman Walsh asked if the cost was listed in the Resolution.

Alderman Bennett stated it was not.

Alderman Lee stated he could lower the cost by burning the broadcast to a cd instead of a Blu-ray.

Alderman Walsh stated she felt the Town should check with the St Tammany Parish and see how they went about broadcasting their Council Meetings.

He stated the Town had a good parade and a lot of people were happy to see the Mayor and the Chief riding together during the parade.

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Gene Bellisario: Update on Spur Hwy 41 Bridge.

Three parcels are in the process of being purchase.

Three parcels have not responded. St Tammany Parish is sending Letters in order to begin a quick claim. Once everything is settled DOTD will send it out for bid.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5:**

No New Business

**FIRE DISTRICT #11:**

90 Calls

64-Medical Services

2-MVA

1- Structure Fire

2- False Alarms

7- Good Intent

2-Police Matters

6- Grass Fires

6- False Calls

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

No New Business

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

Michael Winkler informed the aldermen and the audience, of a Bond Issue for the ballot on May 4th.

Mr. Winkler also notified the Council that he and the Mayor have been working on doing a memorial at the Pearl River High School for Mr. Winfield Ledet for March 23, 2019.

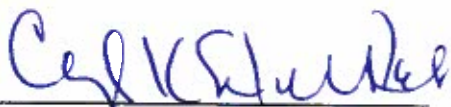
Alderman Walsh motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 8:10 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 19TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.**



Cheryl K. Schultheis



Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen