



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and so called to order by Mayor McQueen at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

The Invocation was given by Alderman Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McQueen.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for September 17, 2019. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Lee. **All in favor. So moved.**

RESOLUTION:

Attorney Mathison read the Resolution 15-10-19 Moratorium on New Construction to the Council. Alderman Bennett asked if the Council votes for the six (6) month Moratorium was there a plan in place. Mayor McQueen stated that he was going to move money around in the 2020 Budget so the Town could add the 10" sewer line to upgrade the 6" sewer line coming from Nelson Road. He informed the Council that once this project was started the Council could lift the Moratorium.

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion. Alderman Walsh made a motion to accepted, seconded by Alderman Galloway. **Yea-**Alderman Galloway, Walsh, McGregor, Lee **Nay-** Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:

Mayor McQueen introduced Ordinance 15-10-19- An Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on New Construction. He told the Council it would be open for discussion and a public hearing at the November 19, 2019 Council Meeting.

TABLED ITEM:

Mayor McQueen stated the Council needed to address a tabled item and he needed a motion to bring Ordinance 16-07-19- Littering back to the floor. Alderman Walsh made a motion to take it off the floor, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing to Ordinance 16-07-19-01 Littering to the floor and the Council.

Alderman Bennett asked if the violation penalty for littering could be the maximum.

Attorney Daigle stated as the Magistrate he had no tolerance for anyone littering up the Town and would use his discretion.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion. Alderman Walsh made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

- **Alderman Lee- Pearl River Community Yard/ Craft Sale**

Alderman Lee reminded the Council of the Community Yard/ Craft Sale on Saturday, November 9, 2019 in front the Town Hall and surrounding areas of the Town and it will be held from 7:00 am to 2:00pm.

Alderman Lee stated he received a call from Terry Crawford in reference to the Town barricades around his gas station that is closed to the public. He informed the Council that Mr. Crawford had talked to the Mayor and was going to rent them from the Town. Alderman Lee said he felt that Mr. Crawford was a resident of the Town and shouldn't have to pay to use them.

Mayor McQueen stated he talked to Mr. Crawford and that it is a Constitutional Law that prohibits the use of the Town's property.

Alderman Bennett stated she agreed with Alderman Lee.

- **Alderman Galloway- Fall Display**

Alderman Galloway thanked everyone who participated in the Fall Display Contest and for making the Town of Pearl River look very nice. She thanked the Secret Judges who went around Town judging all the displays. She informed the Council that the winners would be recognized at the next Town Council, November 19, 2019.

Mayor McQueen stated he thought the businesses did a great job with all the Fall Displays and their participation.

- **Alderman Bennett- Trunk of Treat**

Alderman Bennett informed the Council that the big Trunk of Treat would be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 and The Crossing will hold theirs on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- **Police Chief**

Chief Sessions stated that from September 1st to September 30, 2019 there were 134 citations written, 17 warnings and 48 arrests.

Chief Sessions notified the Council the Night Out against Crime would be held on Friday, October 18, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00pm.

- **Mayor**

Mayor McQueen introduced Bryan Haggerty-Slidell City Court Judge and Chuck Lamarche-Council District 9 to speak to the Council.

Mayor McQueen notified the Council that he put a Preliminary Cost Analysis Sheet in each one of their boxes for the Peach Street Project. He told the Council because of the 6" sewer line from Nelson Road to the Sewer Plant that needs an additional 10" line to run adjacent to the 6" the Peach Street Project would have to be put on hold.

Mayor McQueen spoke about the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge. He informed the Council that the Bridge project has been moved to the March 11, 2020 letting to allow more time for the right-of-way to be cleared. The final plans may need to be updated to reflect any changes in the Specifications or item number changes since they went through Contracts and Specs. There will also need to be an Environmental review if the project is let in March or later which will further delay the letting.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Gene Bellisario spoke in reference to the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge.

RECREATION DISTRICT #5:

None

FIRE DISTRICT #11:

51 – EMS
7-MVA
9- Good Intent
6- Dispatched /Cancelled
2-False Alarm
1- Gas Leak/Spill
76- Total

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

Donna Christopher informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning Board voted to table the tentative plan submitted by Jeff Breland for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Subdivision called Taylor Farms.

SCHOOL BOARD:

Mike Winkler notified the Council that the new sidewalks at the high school are completed. He informed the Council that the high school is finally receiving a new smoker. He told the Council that the FFA Alumni is holding a meeting on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm. He also mentioned trying to get more parking for Creekside Jr. High School.

Mayor McQueen asked if there was anything else and then adjourned the meeting.
CD available in Records room, per-request.

MEETING ADJOURNED

AT 8:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019


Cheryl K. Schultheis


Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen