



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 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 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 October 7, 2019 Special Council Meeting. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for October 15, 2019 Council Meeting. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen introduced Bryan Haggerty as the new Slidell City Court Judge. Bryan Haggerty thanked everyone for their support and all the voters for their vote.

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION**

Kim Barber expressed her gratitude for all the work Alderman Bennett does for the community and presented her with an award.

**SPECIAL GUEST RECOGNITION**

Alderman Bennett presented awards to four local veterans Floyd Blanchard, Dylan Davis, Jason Livingston, and Michael Montgomery for their outstanding service to our country.

**ANNUAL FALL DISPLAY CONTEST WINNER**

Alderman Galloway presented Ronnie Marshall with a First Place plaque for his Fall display featured at his business Trackside.

## **INFORMATION PRESENTATION**

Qiana Wiggins gave a presentation of the importance of the 2020 Census and that everyone should participate and be counted. She stated the Census would be held in March of 2020.

## **LION'S CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Joey Wrenn announced that the "Joann House" was completed and the Sance family would be enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner in their new home. He thanked all the businesses and everyone for their hard work and contributions to the project.

## **FIRE DISTRICT # 11 BOARD APPOINTEE**

Mayor McQueen recommended Michael Tassin for the empty position on the Fire Board. Mayor McQueen called for a motion to accept. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So moved.**

## **DISCUSSION ITEM- Recycling**

Alderman Bennett asked the Council to consider starting a recycling program and to place a recycling dumpster on the Town premises. She stated to the Council that there is some cost and if they were to do it they needed to set a time frame on this project.

## **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor McQueen introduced No. 18-11-01(B) – FY 2019 Budget Amendment and No. 19-11-19 – FY 2020 Budget. He informed the Council and the audience there would be a public hearing on these ordinances on December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Attorney Daigle gave a synopsis on the 2019 and 2020 Budgets and suggested to the Council they should hold some workshops before the next Council Meeting on December 17, 2019.

The Council agreed to hold two Special Council Meetings one on December 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm and the other on December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing to Ordinance 15-10-19 Moratorium on New Construction to the Council. Mayor McQueen asked the Council if they still wanted to pass this ordinance. Alderman Walsh stated she was in favor of the ordinance for six months until a plan of action was in place. Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion. Alderman Walsh made a motion to accepted, seconded by Alderman McGregor. Yea-Alderman Galloway, Walsh, McGregor, Lee Nay- Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- **Alderman Bennett-PRFFA Alumni**

Alderman Bennett informed the Council that the PRFFA Alumni received the Great 8 Neighbor Award from Fox 8 News and are renovating a barn and property that they received as a donation to assist in the showing and raising of livestock. She also informed the Council that they will hold a Turkey Shoot on December 21, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Park and Ride off Hwy 41.

Alderman Bennett also notified the Council that she works with a group of people that will be providing a full Thanksgiving Dinner to five families this year and if the Council knew of any other families to please let her know.

She also told the Council that A-1 Wrecker would hold a "Toy Giveaway" on December 21, 2019 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Alderman Bennett stated to the Council that the Renewal letters for the Beautification Flowerbeds would be going out at the beginning of the year and the cost would be \$50.00.

- **Alderman Galloway- Connie Cares**  
Alderman Galloway stated that “Connie Cares” gave out 80 fruit baskets for Thanksgiving and held their annual coat drive. She informed the council that “Connie Cares” has made 300 stuff stockings for the Town’s Christmas Program.
- **Alderman Lee- Pearl River Community Yard/ Craft Sale**  
Alderman Lee notified the Council of the Community Yard/ Craft Sale that was held on November 9, 2019 had a total of 34 spaces rented out and was a big hit. Alderman Lee stated the committee was planning on doing another one in the month of April. Alderman Lee stated he was pleased with the participation and he thanked Alderman Walsh for all her hard work.
- **Alderman Walsh-Pearl River Community Yard/Craft Sale**  
Alderman Walsh thanked the ladies in the office for helping with the Community Yard /Craft Sale and Brian Phillips of St. Tammany Residential Waste for providing free drinks and hot chocolate.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- **Police Chief**  
Chief Sessions stated that from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31, 2019 there were 431 calls, 122 citations written, 19 warnings and 52 arrests.  
Chief Sessions thanked his officers for assisting in the Community Yard/ Craft Sale and for all their hard work.
- **Mayor**  
Mayor McQueen notified the Council that the Town’s Christmas Program would be held Friday, December the 6, 2019 at 6:00pm. He told the Council the new lights in the parking lot would be put in place tomorrow and the parking lot would be re-asphalted along with the Park parking lot. Mayor McQueen stated the Town clean-up could be held either April the 18<sup>th</sup> or April the 25<sup>th</sup> of 2020.  
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 and he was disgusted with the response to the bridge from the parish. He stated as of April 24, 2020 it will be three years that the bridge has been closed.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL:**

None

#### **RECREATION DISTRICT #5:**

Peter Finger announced that Recreation 5 Board was up for elections.

**FIRE DISTRICT #11:**

- 69 – EMS
- 9-MVA
- 11- Good Intent
- 5- Dispatched /Cancelled
- 3-False Alarm
- 1- Structure Fire M/A
- 3- Rubbish /Grass Fire
- 1-Vehicle Fire
- 102- Total

Chief Dockery informed the Council that the Fire Department is installing Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors for citizens in the community. He told the Council that detectors needed to be replaced every 10 years and any citizen that is interested in obtaining the detectors should call the Fire Station to set up an appointment for the installation.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

Donna Christopher informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning Board had no new business.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

None

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**AT 9:00 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019**

  
Cheryl K. Schultheis

  
Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen