



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
July 28, 2020 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 along with Mayor McQueen, Attorney Mathison. Absent: Attorney Daigle and Chief Sessions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for June 16, 2020 Council Meeting. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So moved**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor McQueen introduced Ordinance No. 07-28-20 (A) - An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road for the Moray family.

Mayor McQueen then introduced Ordinance No. 07-28-20 (B)-An ordinance declaring certain property of the Town of Pearl River surplus and setting the method of disposing same

Mayor McQueen introduced Ordinance No. 07-28-20(C) - An ordinance relative to lawsuit procedure. He informed the Council all three ordinances would have a Public Hearing at the Regular Council Meeting on August 18, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Attorney Mathison stated due to the Planning & Zoning not meeting in the month of August, Ordinance No. 07-28-20 (A) - An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road might not be ready for the Public Hearing on August 18, 2020.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**R 07-28-2020 - A Resolution to Adopt and Levy the Millage Rate**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on R 07-28-2020 - A Resolution to Adopt and Levy the Millage Rate.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion R 07-28-20-1 Resolution adopting to roll the mileage rates back.

Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance 06-16-20 - An ordinance extending the moratorium on new construction**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 06-16-20 -extending the moratorium on new construction.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council if they had any questions.

Alderman Bennett asked why the moratorium was being extended.

Alderman Galloway stated it needed to be extended because the ten inch sewer line was not in place for the Taylor Farms Development.

Mayor McQueen stated the moratorium was in place for subdivisions at this time. He told the Council that new construction was being done in different areas of the Town where the sewer system is not compromised.

Alderman Bennett asked how long the moratorium would last.

Alderman Walsh said for six months and would expire on January 20, 2021.

Alderman Bennett asked if the developer of Taylor Farms, Jeff Breland, was aware of this.

Attorney Mathison stated he had been in contact with Jeff Breland and that Breland understood what was going on. He told the Council that Planning & Zoning had done the initial approval of the Taylor Farms preliminary plat and that Breland was moving forward with JV Burkes to start the street layouts for the new subdivision.

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

**Ordinance 18-11-01-A - An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 18-11-01A amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council if they had any questions.

He stated the finals that came in March of 2020 was added to the 2019 budget and he felt the Council went over them in the July 8, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

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

**Ordinance 19-11-19-A - An ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 19-11-19A amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Mayor McQueen stated the only change he made to the 2020 budget was \$30,000.00 that he had taken from Salaries due to the Police Department's deficit.

Alderman Bennett asked if the Police Department ever produced a surplus list to the Council.

Attorney Mathison stated it was included in the packet with the introduction of Ordinance 07-28-20(B).

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council what they wanted to do.

Alderman McGregor asked the Council if they could table it until the next Council Meeting August 18, 2020.

Alderman Walsh and Alderman Bennett agreed.

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion on tabling Ordinance 19-11-19A. Alderman McGregor made a motion to accepted, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

Alderman Walsh asked the Council if they could have a Special Council Meeting- Workshop for the 2020 budget. The Council agreed and asked the Town Clerk to get in touch with Attorney Daigle and come up with a date for the following week.

**SPECIAL PERMIT:**

Brian Phillips of St. Tammany Residential Waste addressed the Council asking for a special permit to operate and park his trucks at 64286 Hwy 41 with a zoning of B-2. He stated he talked to the neighboring businesses and went over any issues they may have. He guaranteed the Council that at no time would any of the trucks be parked with garbage.

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion on the Special Permit for St. Tammany Residential Waste- Brian Phillips. Alderman Walsh made a motion to accepted, seconded by Alderman Lee. **All in favor. So moved.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- **Alderman Bennett-**

Alderman Bennett notified the Council that the Lion's Club was having a fundraiser for luncheon \$10.00 a plate for Officer Gaudet on Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- **Police Chief-Not Present**

- **Mayor**

Mayor McQueen told the Council he wanted to give them an update the on the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge. He told the Council that a test pylon was drove in Gum Creek to get a reading and now the project will be a three week delay waiting for the pylons.

He also informed the Council that he was having all the catch basins either being rebuilt or repaired to make them more operable.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5**

None

**FIRE DISTRICT #11**

Chief Jack Dockery-None

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Mike Smith talked of COVID-19 and the beginning of St. Tammany Parish schools and what they are facing.

He also talked of the streets in his district that were being worked on, one of them being Hudson Road that is the main entrance road of Sawmill Creek Subdivision.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

None

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

None

Mayor McQueen adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED  
AT 8:35 P.M.  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 28TH DAY OF JULY 2020**

  
Cheryl K. Schultheis

  
Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen