



**TOWN OF PEARL RIVER  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 22, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Council Meeting was held at the Pearl River Town Hall and 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

**GUEST INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion to let Pastor Tobey Pittman speak to the Council. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So moved.**

Pastor Tobey Pittman representing the Pearl River First Baptist Church spoke of various Grief Programs being held to help anyone going through trying times with the loss of a loved one and making it during the holidays.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor McQueen called for the approval of the minutes for August 12, 2020 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 August 18, 2020 Council Meeting. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Walsh. **All in favor. So moved.**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**09-15-20(A) - A Resolution adopting the 2020 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to pass 09-15-20(A) - A Resolution adopting the 2020 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman McGregor. **All in favor. So Moved.**

**09-15-20(B) - A Resolution ratifying a re-subdivision of Lots 14-17, and 35-40 into Lots 14A, 16A, 17A and 35A, The Oaks at Taylor Farm owned by Ernest and Barbara Geraci.**

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to pass 09-15-20(B) - A Resolution ratifying a re-subdivision of Lots 14-17, and 35-40 into Lots 14A, 16A, 17A, and 35A, The Oaks at Taylor Farm owned by Ernest and Barbara Geraci. Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So Moved.**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor McQueen introduced Ordinance No. 207-12-16(A) – An ordinance relative to impact fees on residential development.

There will be a public hearing on all of the Ordinances on October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Ordinance No. 08-18-20(A) – An ordinance relative to timekeeping by Town employees**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-18-20(A) – An ordinance relative to timekeeping by Town employees and explained it was the procedure for time keeping of all employees to follow.

Alderman Bennett asked if this Ordinance was strictly to protect the Town during Auditing procedures.

Mayor McQueen stated the Auditors recommended the Town adopt this Ordinance.

Alderman Bennett then asked who would this Ordinance not apply to.

Mayor McQueen stated it did not apply to all elected Officials.

Alderman McGregor asked if everyone signed their time card.

Mayor McQueen stated all Town employees signed their time card every two week pay period.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion.

Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Lee. **All in favor.**

**So moved.**

**Ordinance No. 08-18-20(B) – An ordinance relative to reimbursement for employee training expenses**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-18-20(B) – An ordinance relative to reimbursement for employee training expenses.

Mayor McQueen explained that if the Town paid for an individual to be trained the individual would have to work for the Town of Pearl River for one year.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion.

Alderman Walsh made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. **All in favor.**

**So moved.**

**Ordinance No. 08-18-20(C) – An ordinance relative to inventory of Town property.**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 08-18-20(C) relative to inventory of Town property.

Alderman Galloway asked if this Ordinance pertained to the Town Hall and the Police Department.

Mayor McQueen stated it would apply to all departments of the Town to do inventory every fiscal year.

Alderman McGregor asked if all Town equipment had the Town logo on them.

Mayor McQueen stated yes all vehicles and equipment were marked with the Town logo.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion.

Alderman Bennett made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Galloway. **All in favor.**

**So moved.**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 07-28-20(A) – An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road**

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to make a motion to Table Ordinance No. 07-28-20(A) – An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road pending the St Tammany Parish input.

Alderman Walsh made a motion to Tabled Ordinance No. 07-28-20(A) – An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road pending the St. Tammany Parish input, seconded by Alderman Bennett. **All in favor. So moved.**

**Ordinance No. 07-28-20(C) – An ordinance relative to lawsuit procedure.**

Mayor McQueen asked the Council to move the Tabled Item to the floor, Ordinance No. 07-28-20(A) – An ordinance annexing and zoning a parcel of land along West Porter River Road

Alderman Walsh made a motion to move the tabled item to the floor, seconded by Alderman Lee. **All in favor. So moved.**

Mayor McQueen opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 07-28-20(C) – An ordinance relative to lawsuit procedure.

Mayor McQueen explained to the residents at the Council Meeting that this Ordinance pertains to the handling of lawsuits in general.

Mayor McQueen closed the Public Hearing and asked the Council to make a motion.

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

**LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS:**

- **Alderman Bennett- River Clean-Up**

Alderman Bennett notified the Council that the River Clean-Up was being held Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with everyone meeting at the Honey Island Fish House.

Alderman Bennett stated the Honey Island Swamp House would hold a Trunk or Treat on October 30, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot. She stated that flyers would be posted in the next few days.

Alderman Bennett also reminded everyone if they were not registered to vote to please do so. Alderman Bennett then thanked everyone who donated items for the hurricane victims in Florida.

Alderman Bennett informed the Council of a Racial Equity Policy being discussed to be passed by the St. Tammany School Board.

- **Alderman Galloway- Connie Cares**

Alderman Galloway informed the Council that Connie Cares would be handing out fruit baskets on November 21, 2020 to senior citizens or anyone that was in need. She asked the Council that if they knew anyone to let her know and she would make sure they received one.

- **Alderman Walsh-Street Lights**

Alderman Walsh thanked Deputy Chief Hunter for riding with her at night to obtain the numbers off of street light poles that were no longer working. She stated the number of non-working lights were 45 to 50 street lights.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- **Police Chief- None**

- **Mayor**

Mayor McQueen told the Council he wanted to thank Brian Phillips of STRW- St. Tammany Residential Waste for helping the Town get ready for the River Clean-Up and donating a dumpster to help clean up the tires.

Brian Phillips stated he was donating a second dumpster for the tires and that he wanted to thank NTB- National Tire 7 Battery for disposing of them.

Mayor McQueen gave an update on the Hwy 41 Spur Bridge stating the company has driven 20 of the 32 pylons and was moving to the other side to drive the remaining pylons.

Mayor McQueen told the Council that all the storm drains in Town were being repaired and/or upgraded to assist with drainage.

**RECREATION DISTRICT #5**

None

**FIRE DISTRICT #11**

**Chief Dockery-July**

EMS-56

MVA-1

Structure Fire-1

Service/GI-8

Dispatched/Canceled-6

False Alarm-3

Police Matter-3

Power Line Down-1

Wire Issue-1

89- Total

Chief Dockery informed the Council the Mileage Renewal for the Fire Department would be held on March 20, 2021 and to please vote.

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Mike Smith spoke to the Council in reference to the current issues that are being addressed by the Parish Council to repair roads in the Ponderosa. He also spoke of the budget shortages the Council are facing and different strategies to balance the budget.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

None

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:**

None

Mayor McQueen adjourned the meeting.

CD available in Records room, per-request.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 22TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020**

  
Cheryl K. Schultheis

  
Honorable Clarence "David" McQueen