

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mrs. Liz Holmes to lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Present: Ray Helen Lawrence, Garry Hubble, Brandon Brown, Hugh Riviere, Carey Williams

Absent: None

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2017. Mrs. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Lee read aloud the procedure for public participation at the Regular Meetings of the Port Allen City Council in accordance with state statutes and local ordinances.

Mayor Lee recognized Tom Acosta, candidate for District Judge, to address the City Council.

Mayor Lee recognized Tonya Lurry, candidate for District Judge, to address the City Council.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign the contract and all accompanying documents associated with the awarding the contract to the lowest bidder Industrial Enterprises for \$132,919.71 to perform public works on the sewer collection system and improvements as per the recommendation of the City's engineer. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize another position for a utility operator in the Water and Gas Department and to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Water and Gas Budget to cover the costs of the salary and benefits for this position. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Carey Williams moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 budgets in the General Fund, Water and Gas Fund and Sewer Fund to cover the costs of salary and benefits for an across the board pay increase for all full-time city employees. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation to re-appoint Mrs. Lizzie Holmes to the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission for another term. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation to reclassify several employees in the Roads and Drainage Department. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere, Williams. The motion failed.

