

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and asked Mrs. Liz Holmes to lead the pledge of allegiance. A 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 amend the posted agenda to include consideration of approval of Chief Brown's recommendation to hire Eric Reineke as a police officer with the Port Allen Police Department to fill a vacancy. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone had objection to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The agenda was amended.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted agenda to include hearing from Mr. Tom McCormick, candidate for district judge. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone had objection to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The agenda was amended.

Mayor Lee recognized Mr. Tom McCormick, candidate for District Judge, Division B, to address the City Council.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve Chief Brown's recommendation to hire Eric Reineke as a police officer with the Port Allen Police Department at Grade 110, Step A. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2018 and the Special Meeting of February 7, 2018. Mr. Carey Williams 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 opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 Water and Gas Fund Budget to cover the cost of salary and benefits for an additional position for an operator. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this item. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2018 to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 Water and Gas Fund Budget to cover the cost of salary and benefits for an additional position for an Operator in the Water and Gas Department. The title of the ordinance was read

aloud. Mr. Carey Williams 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 General Fund, Water and Gas Fund, and Sewer Fund Budgets to cover additional costs for an across the board pay increase for all full-time City of Port Allen employees. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this item. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Carey Williams moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2018 to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 General Fund, Water and Gas Fund, and Sewer Fund Budgets to cover additional costs for an across the board pay increase for all full-time City of Port Allen employees. The title of the ordinance was read aloud. Mr. Hugh Riviere 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The ordinance was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to adjust utility rates for sewer usage services for Port Allen customers. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this item. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3 of 2018 to adjust the minimum sewer rates for City of Port Allen customers by revising Appendix C, Section 25 of the City's Code of Ordinances for adjusting sewer rates to be charged to customers of the City. The title of the ordinance was read aloud. Mr. Carey Williams 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The ordinance was adopted.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to approve a full-time clerical position in the Roads and Drainage Department and to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Budget to cover the additional cost of salary and benefits for the 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

The municipal clerk asked whether it was the intention of the City Council for this administrative position to be a 35-hour employee because the previous person who had the position was required to work 40 hours per week. Mr. Hubble stated he wanted the position to be the same as the administrative personnel in the utility department and the rest of administration. Mr. Garry Hubble then moved to rescind the previous motion to clarify that the position was only to be required to work and be paid for 35 hours per week. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the request to rescind the previous motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Williams. NAYS: Riviere. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve a full-time clerical position in the Roads and Drainage Department and to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2017-2018 Budget to cover the additional cost of salary and benefits for this 35-hour per week clerical employee 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, Williams. NAYS:

