

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Richard Lee, III called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Robin A. Hebert to lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll was called, resulting as follows:

Present: Ray Helen Lawrence, Garry Hubble, Brandon Brown, R.J. Loupe, Jr.

Absent: Hugh Riviere

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 23, 2014³ and the Regular Meeting of May 14, 2014. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were 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. A member of the audience asked to be recognized to ask questions. He addressed the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lee recommended the appointment of The Westside Journal as the official journal for the City of Port Allen for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the appointment as recommended by Mayor Lee. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee recommended the appointment of Provost, Salter, Harper & Alford to audit the financial statements of the City of Port Allen for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and ratifying the agreement to provide these services to the City of Port Allen. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign and approve a Change Order on the Road Improvement Program as recommended by the Director of Public Works and the Project's Engineer. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to open the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of the City's budgets for the General Fund, Water and Gas Fund, Sewer Fund, and Capital Improvements Fund for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard. No one answered.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. No one objected and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Garry Hubble offered an amendment to the proposed Budget Ordinance. He provided a written copy of the proposed amendment to the members of the Council and asked the Chief Financial Officer to explain the amendment. After explanation and an opportunity to ask questions, Mr. Garry Hubble moved to adopt the amendment as presented. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried and the amendment was adopted.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to adopt the Budget Ordinance, as amended. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the

motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried and the ordinance was adopted.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to open a public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to increase the user fees for garbage collection for the City's customers. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. The Chief Financial Officer explained how the increase would be implemented gradually and how it would affect the City's customers. No one else from the audience stated that they wished to be heard.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to close the public hearing. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. No one objected and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to adopt an ordinance to increase user fees for garbage collection for the City's customers. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Justin Altazan to discuss his recommendations for the Old City Hall Building. He provided a detailed report about the problems at the site and potential costs for different options for the building and surrounding area.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to introduce an ordinance to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance along with the new FEMA maps in accordance with law. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lance Joseph called on the owner of the properties located at 804 N. 14th Street and 1332 Michigan. He stated that he had made substantial progress in repairing the houses and City Attorney had been provided pictures of the property from the Inspector Lathers. Attorney Joseph agreed with the property owner's assertions and stated that there was no need for further action on these properties. Attorney Joseph then stated that he had not heard from the owner of the property at 1339 Avenue C and nothing had changed from the previous meeting. Inspector Lathers provided pictures that indicated very little had been done on the interior or exterior of the property. Attorney Joseph stated that he would move forward with condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that there were no alcoholic beverage permit requests pending.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence stated that the Juneteenth Celebration would be held at Williams and Lee Park on June 16th. Mayor Lee reminded everyone about the Fourth of July Celebration on Friday, July 4th and related festivities.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to adjourn. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

s/ Richard N. Lee, III
Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

s/ Audrey A. McCain
Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk