

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Jane Harris to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: Carey Williams

Mayor Lee asked that the official agenda be amended to reflect that a public hearing would be held prior to the adoption of Ordinance No. 7 of 2018 in Agenda Item No. 8. The Municipal Clerk notified the members of the audience and the City Council that notice of the public hearing had been published for this date in the official journal, but had been inadvertently left off the posted agenda. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to amend the agenda to include a public hearing prior to considering Agenda Item Number 8. 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, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the members present and voting.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2018. Mr. Garry Hubble 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 for the purpose obtaining views from the public regarding the adoption of a Resolution setting millage rates for the tax year 2018 for all properties subject to taxation within the City of Port Allen. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution setting the millage rates for the tax year 2018 for all properties subject to taxation within the City of Port Allen in the following manner: General Alimony—7.54 mills and Police Department—5.27 mills. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follow: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Williams.

After a discussion from the public regarding a recent murder in the City of Port Allen, Mr. Brandon Brown moved to ask Chief Esdron Brown to request assistance with the investigation of this murder case. 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, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing for the purpose of obtaining views from the public regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the current FY 2018-2019 General Fund budget to provide for spending up to \$20,000 in a line item expense for recreational expenses to be approved by a majority of the City Council on a case by case basis. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 7 of 2018 to authorize an amendment to the current FY 2018-2019 General Fund budget to provide for spending up to \$20,000 in a line item expense for recreational expenses to be approved by a majority of the City Council on a case by case basis. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the General Fund budget in the Community Development Department to add funding for certain specific projects during the current fiscal year. The Municipal Clerk explained the detailed information requested by the Director of Community Development for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and the Senior Holiday Dinner. Mr. Brown also mentioned that there was discussion about another signature event for Fall/Spring Market Days but no amount of funding was discussed. Mr. Riviere asked if each of the events could be voted on separately. The Municipal Clerk stated that the agenda for next month would be prepared to reflect the votes on each individual event. 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, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the General Fund budget in the Community Development Department in the amount of \$20,000 to cover the costs of a monument for Centennial Park. 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. ABSENT: Williams. The vote resulted in a 2-2 tie. Mayor Lee voted YEA and the motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize a declaration that the following vehicles and equipment are surplus: (1) 1997 Ford F350 4x2 Crewcab Pickup Truck, 7.5 Liter V-8, VIN 1FDJK135G3VEC36772; (1) 1958 Ford Tractor Model 800, Serial Number 310835; (1) 1992 International Diesel Dump Truck, 7.2 Liter Model 4600, VIN 1HTSAZRPNH453752; (1) Tiger Flail Mower Model #TRF75, Serial Number 1017; (1) Alamo Rear Flail Mower, Model #SHD88, Serial Number 18129; (1) Sutorbilt Model #GAFMOLA, Serial Number M85554; (1) CRAFCO Tar Machine, Serial Number 1C9EJ0818T141816; (1) Gas Operated Concrete Mixer. 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation of hiring Adrian Daigle as a Meter Reader in the Water and Gas Department at Grade 107, Step A. Mr. Garry Hubble 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee called Tony Arikol, the City's Engineer, to discuss the necessity of significant sewer system repairs and provided the City Council with detailed information and estimates of the cost of these repairs and improvements. Mr. Arikol outlined the priority of items and noted that some money had already been set aside in the current year budget to sewer repairs and improvements. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the current fiscal year (2018-2019) Sewer Fund budget to cover the costs associated with these necessary repairs to the City's sewer system. 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution to support the preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Louisiana Division of Administration—Community Water Enrichment Fund for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2018-2019 to assist with certain projects within the City of Port Allen recommended by the City's Engineer, P.E.C. Mr. Garry Hubble 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt a Resolution to support the preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Louisiana Division of Administration—Local Government Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000 for FY 2018-2019 to assist with certain projects within the City of Port Allen recommended by the City's Engineer, P.E.C. 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

The Chief Administrative Officer updated the City Council on the status of the repairs to the 8" HDPE industrial gas line and let them know that the repairs were completed, pressure tests had been completed, and the gas line was performing as it should. Additionally, the CAO stated that the contractor had also delivered a check to the City for the City's costs in pursuing its claim against the contractor for the defective line and that the lawsuit filed to protect the City's interest should be dismissed. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to dismiss the lawsuit involving the City of Port Allen and the gas line contractor. Mr. Garry Hubble 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to extend the use of (2) part-time employees in the Roads and Drainage Department until November 30, 2018. Mr. Garry

Hubble 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to move Stacey Woods from a part-time office clerk position in the Utility Department to a full-time office clerk position in the same department. 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, Lawrence. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. ABSENT: Williams. The vote resulted in a 2-2 tie. Mayor Lee voted YEA and the motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize Chief Brown to advertise, interview and recommend hiring two (2) new police officers due to vacancies in the Port Allen Police 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. ABSENT: Williams. The vote resulted in a 2-2 tie. Mayor Lee voted YEA and the motion carried.

City Attorney Alvarez stated that there were no condemnation proceedings pending.

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

Mayor Lee stated that there were no announcements.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk