

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, in the City Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall. Mayor Lee was out of town.

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Helen Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Chief Brown to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt the Minutes of the August 9, 2017 Regular Meeting and the August 16, 2017 Special Meeting. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Police Chief Brown to advertise, interview and make a recommendation for a position as a police officer with the Port Allen Police Department due to a recent vacancy. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence and the Port Allen City Council recognized Jason Cutrer on his recent retirement after 27 ½ years of service to the citizens of the City of Port Allen. The City Council presented Mr. Cutrer with a plaque to commemorate his many years of valuable service to the City.

Mr. Brandon Brown began a discussion regarding a Resolution directing the administration to make adjustments in the Community Development section of the City's General Fund budget for FY 17-18. After some discussion by members of the City Council, Mr. Carey Williams moved to adopt the Resolution. No one seconded the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to advertise and interview for a position as a mechanic with the Port Allen Fleet Maintenance Department due to the recent retirement of an employee in that department. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Temp Lawrence asked City Attorney Alvarez if there were any condemnations pending. There were none. Mr. Garry Hubble began a discussion about the overgrown lots in the City of Port Allen as well as removal of debris from these lots. He asked the City Attorney to look into whether amendments to the City's ordinances regarding these issues might be necessary for clearing the overgrown lots of trees, limbs and other debris.

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

There were no announcements. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence recognized Parish Council members Gary Spillman and Ricky Loupe to address the City Council in reference to the \$5 surcharge added to utility bills for residences and businesses outside the city limits who receive utility services from the City of Port Allen and asked the reason for the additional charge. Mayor Lee was not at the meeting to discuss the issue. No further action was requested nor taken. Sonya Henderson was recognized by Mayor Pro Temp Lawrence to discuss the potential for new housing and grocery stores.

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 6:22 p.m.

Ray Helen Lawrence, Mayor Pro Tem

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk