

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 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, October 10, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Briant Landry led 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

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2018. Mr. 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 explained the reasons he was requesting that the City Council approve payment to Williams Construction the sum of \$3,100 for a capital expenditure at the Maintenance Department for a covered building addition in excess of the City's capital expenditure policy and after adoption of the current budget. After hearing from Mr. Frank Williams, discussion among the members of the City Council, and information provided by the City Attorney, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved as a substitute motion to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate a reasonable settlement with Mr. Williams. 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: Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. The motion failed. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence then moved to approve the payment of \$3,100 to Williams Construction. 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, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to approve Chief Brown's recommendations to hire Latrese Darden and Jacob Shoptaugh as Police Officer Trainees at Grade 110, Step A until they complete P.O.S.T. training. 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 motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget in the Port Allen General Fund to provide funding for the Port Allen Police Department to purchase and equip two (2) new vehicles and three (3) new computers in the amount of \$32,000 after applying insurance reimbursements. 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. None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget in the Port Allen Water and Gas Fund to provide funding up to \$5,000 to cover the cost of developing and implementing a storm water management plan as required by the Louisiana Water Quality regulations and the Clean Water Act. 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize spending additional funds to cover the cost of the refreshments for the participants in the Home Improvement Workshop for low income and elderly up to \$100. 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.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize spending additional funds to cover the cost of a Christmas Parade in December, 2018 in the amount of \$10,000. 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.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize spending additional funds to provide assistance with the Family Day in the Park in the amount of \$2,000. 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: Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence, Williams. The motion failed.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize spending additional funds to provide assistance for the annual Juneteenth Celebration in June, 2019 in the amount of \$5,000. 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 motion carried.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize spending additional funds to cover the cost of promotion for community events. 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, Williams. NAYS: Hubble, Riviere. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve Mayor Lee's recommendation of Mrs. Eula LeJeune to serve on the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Mr. Noah Rizan. 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. The motion carried.

City Attorney Courtney Joiner stated that there were no condemnations pending.

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

Mayor Lee announced that the Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast would be held this Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 9 a.m. at Cohn Elementary School. Mayor Lee thanked Mrs. Rose Roche', Mrs. Carolyn Deloch, and Mrs. Terecita Pattan for all their work in putting this event together. Mayor Lee announced that Mrs. Diana LeBlanc would be hosting a forum on Friday, October 19, 2018 at the Community Center to provide more information on the new Thermadyne plant in West Baton Rouge Parish. Mayor Lee stated that the West Baton Rouge Parish Council would be increasing the fees the City of Port Allen pays for animal control services by approximately \$19,000. Mrs. Lacey stated that there would be a forum at the Community Center for School Board District 6 candidates on Thursday, October 11, 2018 beginning at 6 p.m.

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

Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk