

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Pro Tem Ray Helen Lawrence called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Clyde Robertson to lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2016. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mrs. 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. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to table agenda item number 5 to allow additional time for Mayor Lee to review a new proposal for health insurance for city employees before making a recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign all necessary documentation to award the construction contract for Phase III of the City's Road Enhancement Program to F. G. Sullivan who provided the lowest acceptable bid. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence then asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2016 providing for the City of Port Allen to levy a 5.27 mill property tax for a period of ten (10) years for the purpose of paying the maintenance and operating expenses of the City of Port Allen Police Department which was approved by the citizens of Port Allen in the November 21, 2015 election. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to accept the recommendation of the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission and moved to introduce an ordinance to overhaul the City's current zoning ordinances. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere then asked that the City Council acknowledge and publicly thank the members of the City of Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission for the many, many hours of meetings in developing this comprehensive zoning overhaul. The other members of the City Council joined him in expressing their gratitude.

Members of the Dale Carnegie organization were present in the audience and Mrs. Lawrence asked them to give a presentation of the planned training of city employees. After the presentation, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to table agenda item number 9. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mrs. Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

The City Attorney stated there were no condemnation proceedings pending.

Adrian Genre stated there were no alcoholic beverage permits pending at this time.

Mrs. Lawrence announced that there would be a Household Hazardous Material Cleanup Day sponsored by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council held on March 12, 2016 at the Mouch Multipurpose Center on Court Street beginning from 8 a.m. until noon. Mrs. Lawrence also announced that Mayor Lee has decided to promote Chad Doucet to the position of Supervisor over the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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

s/ Ray Helen Lawrence
Ray Helen Lawrence, Mayor Pro Tem

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