

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in the City Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mrs. Stacy Ryan 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

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2016. 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.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to open the public hearing to obtain views from the citizens regarding an amendment to the current fiscal year budget. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2016. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee read the title of the Ordinance. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Ordinance. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to open the public hearing to obtain views from the citizens regarding the adoption of the fiscal year 2016-2017 revenue and expenses for the City's General Fund, Water and Gas Fund, Sewer Fund, Low Income Housing Fund, Municipal Complex Debt Service Fund beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to close the public hearing. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. R. J. Loupe, Jr. moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2016. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee read the title of the Ordinance. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Ordinance. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to appoint the CPA firm Provost, Salter, Harper & Alford, LLCV to audit the City's financial statements for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorize Mayor Lee to enter into a contract with them to provide these services to the City of Port Allen. 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, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to appoint The Westside Journal as the official journal for the City of Port Allen. 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, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Chief Esdron Brown's recommendations to hire Robert Cannon and Dennis Armwood at Grade 110, Step A as Police Officer Trainees for the City of Port Allen Police Department to begin on June 16, 2016. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to adopt a Resolution to authorize the administration to apply for the State of Louisiana Community Water Enrichment Fund grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to the adoption of the Resolution. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to reject all bids in reference to the natural gas construction project as per the recommendation of the City's engineers. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign the Notice of Substantial Completion of Phase III of the Road Enhancement Program. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt the recommendation of the City of Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission on the re-subdivision of property located on California Avenue. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. Mr. Loupe objected and stated the reasons therefor. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Loupe. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign a contract with Republic Services to provide garbage collection services for the citizens of the City of Port Allen beginning August 1, 2016 for a term of five (5) years. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize Mayor Lee to take all necessary steps to begin the annexation process for certain areas to be included within the city limits of the City of Port Allen. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere. NAYS: Loupe. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to enter into an agreement with the LMA's affiliate, LAMATS, to provide services known as overgrown lot—nuisance abatement program. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: Brown. ABSENT: None.

Port Allen City Attorney stated there were no condemnation proceedings pending.

Adrian Genre stated there were no alcohol beverage permits pending.

Mayor Lee announced the community services being provided by the Neighborhood Watch program in Port Allen and asked for volunteers to assist in their efforts. Mayor Lee announced that the Juneteenth Celebration would be held on June 18th beginning at Williams and Lee Park and ending in the evening with music on the levee near City Hall on Court Street. Mayor Lee reminded everyone about the LMA Convention on July 28-30 and stated that if they intended to go to the convention, they should get with Mrs. Roche' as soon as possible to get reservations and lodging completed.

Mr. Garry Hubble read a Condolence Resolution for Kenneth Doucet and provided his surviving family members with a certificate commemorating his many years of public service.

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

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

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