

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

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

Mayor Richard Lee called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. and asked Lance Guidry 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 October 12, 2016 and the Special Meeting of November 2, 2016. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. 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. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Chief Brown to advertise, interview and make a recommendation for two (2) positions for a police officer with the Port Allen Police Department due to recent resignations. 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.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to introduce an ordinance to authorize Mayor Lee to determine the definition of "emergency" in the City's leave policies and procedures. 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: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the City's FY 2016-2017 General Fund budget to recognize additional revenue and authorize spending an additional \$21,000 to fund the Christmas Festival which is in the planning stages at this time. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. 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.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign a contract for the new gas rates for the three (3) new industrial gas customers, namely, Baton Rouge Port Services, LLC (Genesis), Louis Dryfus Company, and United Parcel Services, Inc. at \$1.25 over the City's costs. 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.

Several residents had received notice to appear before the City Council to explain why condemnation proceedings should not be implemented on their properties. These individuals stated their plans for updating and repairing the properties. Mayor Lee told two of the individuals to come back before the City Council at the December 14th meeting to provide an update of their progress.

City Attorney Joseph stated that there were no condemnations pending.

