

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Warren Lejeune to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2019. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence 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. Brandon Brown moved to amend the posted agenda to add as item number 4-A to hear a Community Development update from Mrs. Roche. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The Agenda was amended to include this item as 4-A.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted agenda to change the year from 2018 to 2019 for setting the tax millage in item number 5 for the public hearing on this topic. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted agenda to change the year from 2018 to 2019 for setting the tax millage in item number 6 to adopt the millage rates for 2019. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

Community Development Director, Mrs. Rose Roche' gave the City Council an update on the Court Street sidewalks, announced the formation of the Cultural District in the City, and requested funding for promotion of the Cultural District in the amount of \$800-\$1,000 for program advertising for the host event which will be on August 29, 2019. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize additional spending in the Community Development Community Promotions

line item expense account in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with the promotion of the City of Port Allen's Cultural District. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views from the public regarding the adoption of a Resolution setting millage rates for the tax year 2019 for all properties located in the City of Port Allen subject to taxation. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution setting the millage rates for the tax year 2019 for all properties subject to taxation within the City of Port Allen in the following manner: General Alimony—7.54 mills and Police Department—5.27 mills. 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. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt a Resolution to accept funding in the amount of \$40,000 from the West Baton Rouge Convention and Visitors Bureau to be used to enhance the planned Recreational Trails Whitehead Boulevard Project. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Hubble. The Resolution was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance annexing the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Right-of-Way only for Louisiana Highway 76 (Court Street) excluding any paved roadway thereon into the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 33:180 et seq. Mayor Lee asked Attorney Dana Larpenteur to provide an update on the status of the annexation process. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2019 to annex the Louisiana DOTD Right-of-Way on Highway 76 (Court Street) into the city limits of the City of Port Allen. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Ordinance No. 4 of 2019 was read by title. Mayor Lee asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 4 of 2019. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 4 of 2019 was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the annexation of additional property into the city limits of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana pursuant to LSA-R.S. 33:172 et seq. Mayor Lee asked if anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 to annex additional property into the city limits of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana pursuant to LSA-R.S. 33:172 et seq. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 was read by title. Mayor Lee asked if

anyone wished to be heard regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 5 of 2019. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 5 of 2019 was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the City Council's intention to amend its ordinances in reference to the current prohibition against keeping chickens on their property inside the city limits under certain restrictions and conditions. Mayor Lee asked if

anyone from the audience wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6 of 2019 to allow keeping of chickens inside the city limits under certain restrictions and specific conditions and circumstances. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Ordinance No. 6 of 2019 was read by title. Mayor Lee asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the adoption of Ordinance No. 6 of 2019. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. Ordinance No. 6 of 2019 was adopted.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire required annually as part of the audit of the City's financial statements. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee gave an explanation to the City Council of the purpose of this budget adjustment to purchase outdated equipment at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2019-2020 City of Port Allen Sewer Fund Budget to authorize spending an additional \$36,000 to purchase equipment for the plant. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection to this introduction of this ordinance. 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 declare one (1) 2007 Crown Victoria, bearing Louisiana VIN #2FAFP71V78X141465 assigned to the police department as surplus property and authorized the disposal of this property in accordance with law. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

The City employee requested to be heard in public instead of going into Executive Session which would have been allowed in accordance with LSA-R.S. 42:71(A)(1). Attorney Tommy Dewey was present representing Officer Reineke. Chief Brown gave an explanation for the suspension—"lost command of temper." Witnesses were called to testify, along with the victim of the complaint and the officers involved. After hearing all information before them, Mr. Brandon Brown moved to affirm the disciplinary actions taken by Chief Brown. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. Mayor Lee noted Attorney Dewey's objection to the ruling. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Lawrence, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: Hubble. The motion carried.

The second disciplinary action taken against the same employee was for "violation of policy" for having two (2) wrecks within twelve (12) months which resulted in loss of unit privilege for thirty (30) days and required four (4) hour defensive driving instruction course. After hearing all the testimony and all information provided, City Attorney Alvarez recommended that they take the matter under advisement. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to rescind the thirty (30) day disciplinary action imposed by Chief Brown on the second incident. Mr. Carey Williams 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, Williams. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee advised the City Council that 106 Third Street demolition should proceed. Thirty (30) days had passed and no action taken. City Inspector Lance Guidry gave an update on the property located at 1053 Avenue C. Jessica Robertson objected to the house status.

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

Rawlston Phillip, III gave an update on the Dagostino Building, Court Street properties, and the TND Project near Walmart. Kevin Lawrence announced a public meeting on August 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the PA Community Center concerning the Oversight Board. Mayor Lee announced that there would be a Town Hall Meeting on August 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in reference to the Cohn Street Park project. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence announced that on September 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., she will be hosting a class to provide guidance to citizens regarding USDA grants for improvements and repairs to their homes for low income families. Mayor Lee stated that interviews for the vacant positions with the City would be starting next week.

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 7:40 p.m.

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

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