

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and asked Tara Snearl to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: Ray Helen Lawrence

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2020. Mr. Carey Williams 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 opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to authorize the cost of excavating and replacing the roadway on 8th Street at its intersection with Court Street in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. 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. 11 of 2020. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lawrence. Ordinance No. 11 of 2020 was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to authorize the purchase of ammunition, bulletproof vests, and cameras for crime scene investigation for the Port Allen Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. 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. 12 of 2020. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lawrence. Ordinance No. 12 of 2020 was adopted.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's General Fund Budget and the Water and Gas Fund Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of a new computer server for City Hall operations in an amount not to exceed \$12,000. 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. 13 of 2020. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the ordinance. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lawrence. Ordinance No. 13 of 2020 was adopted.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize expenditure of additional funds in the Community Development Department for a city-sponsored event to honor the Port Allen High School Basketball team for winning the state title up to the amount of \$5,000. After some discussion among the members of the City Council, the Mayor and Mrs. Roche', Mayor Lee asked if anyone would second the motion. No one answered. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize expenditure of additional funds in the Community Development Department for the annual Senior Dinner up to the amount of \$4,000. After some discussion among the members of the City Council, the Mayor and Mrs. Roche', Mayor Lee asked if anyone would second the motion. No one answered. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize expenditure of additional funds in the Community Development Department for the Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast scheduled for January 6, 2021 up to the amount of \$5,000. After some discussion among the members of the City Council, the Mayor and Mrs. Roche', Mayor Lee asked if anyone would second the motion. No one answered. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to authorize expenditure of additional funds in the Community Development Department for a City Council recognition ceremony up to the amount of \$2,000. After some discussion among the members of the City Council, the Mayor and Mrs. Rose Roche' Mayor Lee asked if anyone would second the motion. No one answered. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize additional spending in the line item expense account for Recreation Expenses in the Community Development Department for the Port Allen Pelican Foundation baseball and softball teams in amount not to exceed \$4,000. After some discussion among members of the City Council, the Mayor, and Mr. Doyle Magee, Mayor Lee asked if anyone would second the motion. No one answered. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Port Allen Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to re-subdivide Lots 1-5, Square 98, Cohn Subdivision between 14th and 15th Streets into Lots1A, 1B and 1C for F & A Investments, LLC. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lawrence. The motion carried.

City Attorney Alvarez stated that there were no condemnations pending at this time.

The Chief Administrative Officer stated that there was one liquor license request pending from New Roadrunner 2 located at 909 Court Street for Class A Liquor for onsite consumption from Mr. William Hammond. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the license application. 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, Riviere, Williams. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Lawrence. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee announced that at the Louisiana Municipal Associations Awards Banquet, the City of Port Allen received an "Honorable Mention" in the Community Development category for the Centennial Park Project. Mayor Lee announced that a new company, GRON, will be investing and estimated \$9.2 billion dollars in several phases over the next several years on property leased from the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission. The first phase is estimated to be \$1.25 billion dollars, with 340 construction jobs and 1,000 permanent jobs averaging \$100,000 annually. Mr. Hubble asked for a moment of silence in honor of the service of our country's service men and women who have served in the past or who are currently serving.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adjourn. Mr. Carey Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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

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