

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015**

The City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in the 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 Jane Harris to lead the pledge of allegiance. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: None

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to amend the posted agenda in reference to Item #9 to read "Consider Introduction of the Authority to Temporarily Suspend the..." and leave the rest of the sentence the same as written. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition from the audience in reference to this amendment. No one answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2014. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none and the motion carried by unanimous consent of the members present.

Mayor Pro Tem 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. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Chief Brown to advertise, interview and hire someone to fill the current vacancy of Police Officer Trainee at a starting pay scale of Grade 110, Step A. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Inspective Lathers to enforce all sign ordinances within the City of Port Allen and take all legal actions necessary to insure compliance with the City's sign ordinance. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R. J. Loupe, Jr. moved to accept the low bidder, R.J. Daigle, to complete the second phase of the City's Road Enhancement Program. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve a change order for the road work for the rehabilitation, milling, and overlay of portions of Melissa Street. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to introduce the authority to temporarily suspend the enforcement of the City of Port Allen's Code of Ordinances in Article 1, Section (7) of Appendix B as it related to parking requirements within the city limits of the City of Port Allen. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried. The City Clerk stated that a public hearing notice will be placed in the official journal for a date later in the month.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the matter entitled "Audrey McCain v. Demetric Slaughter, in her individual capacity, as well as her official capacity as The Mayor of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, 18th Judicial District Court, Parish of West Baton Rouge, Suit Number 40,597, Division C." Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Agenda. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lance Joseph stated there were no condemnation proceedings pending.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that several businesses had requested renewal of their alcoholic beverage licenses. They are as follows:

Jambalaya Shoppe – Class A Liquor
Paul's Seafood – Class A Liquor
Bro's Food Mart – Class B Liquor/Beer Retail

Mr. Genre indicated that Chief Brown reviewed the applications and had no issues with any of the establishments. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to approve all of the applications for renewal of alcoholic beverage licenses for the merchants mentioned above. Mr. Hugh

Riviere seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Lawrence asked if there was any opposition. There was none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence read an official proclamation to Betty J. Dunn to honor her for the positive work and valuable contributions she has made over the years. Mr. Garry Hubble read an official proclamation to James Simoneaux, Jr. for his assistance to a local family when he passed by and noticed and then assisted in putting out a fire at the residence.

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 6:22 p.m.

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

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