

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Frederick Everson 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. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2015. 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.

Mayor Lee read aloud the Notice of Consideration of Action Regarding Ad Valorem Tax on the agenda pursuant to LA R.S. 42:19.1 placing the public on notice of the Port Allen City Council's intention to meet on July 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to consider taking action regarding the calling of an election to authorize the renewal of the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax dedicated to paying the maintenance and operating expenses of the City Police Department and to provide for related matters.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize Mayor Lee to engage attorney Carmen Lavergne of the law firm of Butler Snow in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to assist the administration in placing the City Police Department ad valorem tax renewal on the ballot for November 21, 2015. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. objected. Mayor Lee asked for a roll call vote which resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Riviere. NAYS: Loupe. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to sign the Maintenance Agreement with the State of Louisiana Dept. of Transportation to provide mowing and litter pickup on state servitudes within the city limits of Port Allen. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. 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. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee opened a public hearing to obtain views from citizens regarding the adoption of an ordinance to repeal and then re-enact Division 3A. Cross-Connection Control Program to provide for state mandated requirements in the City's Plumbing Code regarding backflow prevention. An explanation was provided by Water and Gas Supervisor Aaron Landry and the audience and City Council was allowed to participate in the discussion and ask questions. Mayor Lee asked if anyone else wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public meeting.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2015. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the proposed ordinance. 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. The motion carried.

Mayor Lee opened a public hearing to obtain views from citizens regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinances of the City of Port Allen by amending Article I, Section 5.(4) in reference to nonconforming lots of record and Section 15.(6) in reference to front, side and rear yards. An explanation was provided by Chris Grant of the firm ERM who is updating all of the City's zoning ordinances. The audience and the City Council was allowed to participate in the discussion and ask questions. Mayor Lee asked if anyone else wished to be heard. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of 2015. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. The Municipal Clerk read the title of the proposed ordinance. 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. The motion carried.

Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. moved to approve the settlement and partial dismissal of the litigation entitled "Audrey McCain Versus Demetric Slaughter, in her individual capacity, as well as her official capacity as Mayor of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, et al #40,597, 18th JDC, Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any opposition. Several members of the audience had signed the "sign-in sheet" and were allowed to address the City Council prior to voting on the item. Mayor Lee again asked if anyone else wished to be heard. There was no answer. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: Brown and Lawrence. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to authorize Mayor Lee to pay the legal fees of J. Arthur Smith in the amount of \$10,307.05 in conjunction with legal work his firm provided to members of the City Council acting in their official capacity as members of the City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana. Mr. R.J. Loupe, Jr. seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there were any objections. No one from the audience answered. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: Brown and Lawrence. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to introduce an ordinance to amend the FY 2014-2015 budgets of the City's General Fund, Water and Gas Fund, and Sewer Fund and to authorize the appropriation and payment of the City's settlement agreement in reference to suit number 40,597, McCain v. Slaughter, to authorize payment. Mr. Brandon Brown 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, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

The Chairman of the Personnel and Finance Committee, Mr. Garry Hubble, asked the Chief Financial Officer to provide the City Council with a presentation of the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2015-2016 for all funds of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana. A copy of the proposed budgets was handed to each of the members of the City Council prior to the Council meeting and an explanation and overview of the budgets was provided to the City Council. They were encouraged to take their copy home, review it, and call either the Mayor or the CFO for any additional explanation that may be necessary. No other action was taken.

Mr. Garry Hubble moved to introduce an ordinance to provide for the adoption of the budgets for fiscal year 2015-2016 for all City of Port Allen Funds. Mr. Brandon Brown 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, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to amend the posted Agenda to correct the name of one of the owners of the property to be considered for condemnation from Donna Bryant to Donna Butler. Mr. Brandon Brown seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if anyone had objection to this amendment to the posted Agenda. There were none. A roll call vote resulted as follows: YEAS: Brown, Hubble, Lawrence, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lance Joseph provided the City Council with the documentation and evidence to prove the necessity of condemnation of the property located at 307 Atchafalaya Street, Port Allen, Louisiana. The current owners of record are Ray Bryant and Donna Butler. After hearing the presentation provided by Mr. Joseph and considering the evidence presented, Mr. Joseph asked the City Council to vote for condemnation of the property. Mr. Brandon Brown moved to condemn the property located at 307 Atchafalaya Street, Port Allen, Louisiana. Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence 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, Loupe, and Riviere. NAYS: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that there were no alcoholic beverage permits pending.

Mayor Lee announced that the Blues Festival Ball would be held on May 16th and tickets were still available. On May 30th, there would be a Family Day at the Park hosted by Parish Councilwoman Charlene Gordon and the City of Port Allen at William and Lee Park. There would be a Grand Opening of Shakewood Custom Cabinets at 840 N. Jefferson at noon on Thursday, May 21st.

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 7:14 p.m.

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

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