

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018**

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. and asked Mr. Claude Jarreau to lead the pledge of allegiance. A roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Absent: Carey Williams

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2018. 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.

Mayor Lee asked the City's insurance agent for Bancorp South to explain their recommendation for renewal of the health insurance coverage for city employees to begin on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After explaining the renewal costs, answering questions and making a recommendation to renew the policy with United Healthcare, Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to renew the health insurance coverage with United Healthcare with the same payment ratios and same plans as the previous year. 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing to obtain views regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 General Fund and Water and Gas Fund Budgets to cover the cost of salary and benefits for an additional position for an Administrative Coordinator in the Maintenance Department. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this item. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Brandon Brown moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2018 to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 General Fund and Water and Gas Fund Budgets to cover the cost of salary and benefits for an additional position for an Administrative Coordinator Operator in the Maintenance Department. The title of the ordinance was read aloud. Mr. Hugh Riviere 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The ordinance 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 FY 2017-2018 Water and Gas Fund Budget to

cover the additional costs associated with cleaning the new 8" high pressure gas line. Mayor Lee asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on this item. No one answered. Mayor Lee then closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5 of 2018 to amend the City of Port Allen's FY 2017-2018 Water and Gas Fund Budget to cover the additional costs associated with cleaning the new 8" high pressure gas line. The title of the ordinance was read aloud. 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, Lawrence, Riviere. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams. The ordinance was adopted.

Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to authorize Mayor Lee to advertise, interview and hire someone for the position of Laborer I in the Roads and Drainage Department to fill a vacancy. Mr. Hugh Riviere 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. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Williams.

Mayor Lee asked if anyone was present regarding notice given to the City Council on the property located at 734 Avenue G. No one answered.

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

Mr. Adrian Genre stated that the following alcoholic beverage permits were pending:

Reed's Sports Bar at 855 N. Alexander Ave.—Class A Liquor Retail Saloon—onsite consumption

As required by the City's ordinance for alcoholic beverage permits in the City of Port Allen, Chief Brown was asked to state his position on the permit. He said he had investigated the proposed owner of the bar and explained his findings. He then asked that the City Council deny this application for the reasons stated. Mr. Hugh Riviere moved to deny issuing the alcoholic beverage permit. Mr. Garry Hubble seconded the motion. Mayor Lee asked if there was any objection. Mr. Charlie Reed, the applicant, stated that he objected and was given an opportunity to explain his position and what his plans were for the operation of the bar. Mr. Brandon Brown then made a substitute motion to approve granting the permit. No one seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the original motion to deny the permit resulted as follows: YEAS: Hubble, Riviere. NAYS: Brown, Lawrence. ABSENT: Williams. On a tie vote of 2-2, Mayor Lee broke the tie by voting NAY. The motion failed. Mr. Brandon Brown again moved to approve granting the alcoholic beverage permit. No one seconded the motion. The motion failed for lack of a second and no further action was taken by the City Council.

Mayor Lee asked if there were audience members who wished to be heard regarding the property located at 734 Avenue G in Port Allen. Several members of the audience expressed their concerns about the health and safety of the neighborhood and asked the City Council or the Mayor to help them to get the property cleaned. Mayor Lee stated that he was taking all necessary steps to get the issues surrounding this property resolved. Mayor Lee announced that a preliminary operations check was done on the LA 1 sewer lift station by the Depot earlier in the day and everything appears to be in good working order.

Mayor Lee reminded everyone that early voting was underway for the District Judge's race scheduled for Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Lee announced that City Hall would be closed at noon on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and all day on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mrs. Ray Helen Lawrence moved to adjourn. Mr. Hugh Riviere seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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

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