

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023**

The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Port Allen, Louisiana met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the Council Chambers of Port Allen City Hall.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all in attendance. Council members Present were: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy and Mr. Riviere. Absent: None

A motion was made by Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2023. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas; Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None: abstain; None. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hubble and seconded by Mr. Riviere to amend the agenda to add item number 5-A allowing Mrs. Eva Crochet speak on current city issues. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None: Abstain None.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mrs. Gordon in support of the resolution presented by West Baton Rouge Parish to the Louisiana Legislature in favor of HB14 presented during the 2023 Regular Session. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None: Abstain; None. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mr. Hubble to appoint Heather Thogeson to the Planning and Zoning Commission replacing Renee Dana. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas; Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None: Abstain; None. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to support the annual Family Day in the Park with a limit of \$3,000.00. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Gordon to introduce an ordinance to provide for the adoption of all budgets for the city of Port Allen for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. A roll call vote was as follows: : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to approve the pay application for sewer rehabilitation project partially funded with Louisiana state budget appropriation ARPA funds. A roll call vote was as follows: Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the bid presented by Barber Brothers for Phase XI 2023 Road Rehabilitation Project. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to authorize Mayor Lee to approve a 2% pay increase for Theresa Pearson on the anniversary of her five-year employment. A roll call vote was as

follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to authorize Mayor Lee to advertise for the following positions: Meter Reader and Pipe Fitter. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A public hearing was held to obtain views on the consideration of an ordinance to increase the budget in the Roads and Drainage Department utilizing the excess road rehabilitation appropriation to fund additional cost of a John Deere 310SL backhoe ordered in the 2021-2022 fiscal year increasing the original cost by \$43,000.00. No one commented.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to approve Ordinance NO. 4 of 2023 to increase the budget in the Roads and Drainage Department utilizing the excess road rehabilitation appropriations to fund additional cost of a John Deere 310SL- backhoe ordered in the 2021-2022 fiscal year increasing the budget by \$43,000.00. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A public hearing was held to obtain views to consider the adoption of an ordinance of the City of Port Allen providing funding of the remaining of the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the position of superintendent of Public Works position that was approved at the special meeting of the city Council held on January 26, 2023. No one commented.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mrs. Lacy to approve Ordinance NO. 5 of 2023 providing an increase in funding for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year for the position of superintendent of Public Works as approved at the special meeting held on January 26, 2023 at a total cost of \$9,526.00. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the following promotions recommended by Chief Hicks in the Port Allen Police Department: Lt. Casey Williams to Captain, Sgt. Donovan Mitchell to Lieutenant and Sgt. Kendra Wisham to Lieutenant. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

There were no condemnation Proceedings

Alcoholic and beverage permits: A motion was made by Mr. Riviere and Seconded by Mrs. Gordon to approve a permit to be issued to New Road Runner 3.0. A roll call vote was as follows : Yeas: Mr. Brown, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. Hubble, Mrs. Lacy, Mr. Riviere: Nays; None. Abstain; None . Motion passed.

Announcements:

- The Heart of Champions Parade and Fest will be held on Sunday, April 16th beginning at 1:00 PM
- Municipal Day at the State Capitol will be April 25, 2023
- The Annual LMA State Convention will be held August 3-5 in Alexandria, LA

A motion was made by Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM.

a/Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

a/Rose A. Roche', Municipal Clerk