

Pearl River Mayor

Jack Lauer

Republican

Joe D. Lee

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No response received

Beth Sloan Marcotte

Republican

No response received

- 1) **What prepares you to serve as Mayor of Pearl River for the next four years? What are three accomplishments in your political, personal, or business career?**

Jack Lauer

Having grown up in Pearl River, I have strong ties to the area. I'm passionate about my community and want to give back to those around me. I would say my business background is what prepares me the most to serve as Mayor. I know how to work with people and manage a successful business. As a business owner, I managed a budget twice as large as Pearl River's budget. I also know how to work with government and businesses to get things done.

Three accomplishments I'm most proud of are:

- 1) *Serving in the Navy*
- 2) *Starting a grocery store business that before long, grew to a total of four stores.*
- 3) *I also started a construction company, that built and renovated homes. I'm proud that I helped employ a number of Pearl River residents over the years.*

Joe D. Lee

No responses to our questions

Beth Sloan Marcotte

No responses to our questions

- 2) **What three priorities for the next four years for Pearl River will you implement? Will your priorities generate growth for the community without compromising its character?**

Jack Lauer

Three priorities would be:

- 1) *Invest in Infrastructure, including sewerage, drainage, and roads.*
- 2) *Study the future growth of Pearl River to make sure we are progress in a responsible manner that respects our small town feel and charm.*
- 3) *Bring back the Catfish Festival. This is something that will bring pride to Pearl River residents and much needed economic growth for local businesses.*

All of these will be accomplished in a manner that does not compromise Pearl River's character and charm.

Joe D. Lee

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- 3) **Other than raising property millage rates, what plans, if any, do you have to increase town revenues in ways that are consistent with economic growth and a healthy, prosperous, livable, and safe community?**

Jack Lauer

I would review all current tax collections to make sure everyone who is supposed to be paying taxes is indeed doing so. I would then concentrate on making sure we are spending the tax revenue we are already collecting in a fiscally conservative manner so that we can invest in infrastructure upgrades.

Joe D. Lee

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- 4) Do you have any recommendations for changes/modifications to current zoning and planning laws and decisions that will ensure that as the town grows, its cultural and historical significance will not be compromised?

Jack Lauer

As we know, the Planning Commission members resigned after a dispute. First, I would like to investigate what issues led them to resign. Those individuals were behind the initiative to get Associated Wholesale Grocers Gulf Coast Division and Rooms To Go to invest in Pearl River. I want to fully understand what happened there.

I would also like to commission a study to determine what the best course of action is for future zoning and planning laws. We need to make sure Pearl River grows, but in a responsible manner that keeps our town's character and charm.

Joe D. Lee

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