**Minutes – January 9, 2018**

**Council Meeting**

**City of Patterson, Louisiana**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:30 PM.**

**Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.**

**6:30 PM**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.**

**David McCoy led the Invocation.**

**Councilmember John Rentrop led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for the City Magistrate, J.P. Morella; Warden Trevor Richard’s father, Adam Richard; Consultant, Pamela Washington’s brother, Delmas Green; and Leon Kahn.**

**Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Russo were present. Councilmember Sandra Turner was absent.**

**Also present was City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi and Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering.**

**Chief Patrick LaSalle was not present.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the December 5, 2017 Minutes. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded Councilmember Mendoza to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**There was no public comment concerning items on the agenda.**

**Mayor Grogan asked Council to grant a permit for the MLK March to be held February 15, 2018, starting at St. Luke Baptist Church. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to permit the MLK March. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to adopt a Resolution of Respect for Attorney at Law, J.P. Morella, Magistrate for the City of Patterson’s Mayor’s Court. Councilmember Russo seconded the motion. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan asked Council to consider Edward B. Jones for the City’s Magistrate for Mayor’s Court** **to fill the position left vacant by the death of former Magistrate J.P. Morella. Councilmember Russo made a motion to appoint Edward B. Jones for the City of Patterson’s Magistrate, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop and Russo voted yes. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, swore Edward B. Jones in as the City of Patterson’s Magistrate for the Mayor’s Court to expire on December 31, 2018.**

**Storage is needed for equipment, supplies and materials for the Water Treatment Plant Construction. Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to adopt a Resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into servitude or right of use Agreement with Joseph E. Casso. Mr. Casso’s property is adjacent to the worksite at 1220 Main Street. Councilmember Rentrop seconded the motion. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

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**Mayor Grogan announced the Christmas lights winners.**

**Mayor Grogan informed Council and the public that the garbage rates increased $0.62, due to Pelican Waste’s rate increase.**

**Mayor and Council received reports from the Departments.**

**Public works director, Steve Bierhorst, stated how all the employees worked together with the cold weather and had no major issues.**

**Mayor Grogan talked about some streets being repaired using taxpayers’ dollars.**

**Mayor Grogan congratulated St. Mary Parish Sheriff, Scott Anslum.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering and Design gave an engineering report.**

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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**Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor**