

Patterson City Council Meeting

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana, was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall 1314 Main St., in the Council Meeting Room.

Present: Mayor Rodney Grogan, presiding, Council members, Larry Mendoza, John Rentrop, Joe Russo III, Charles Sawyer, and Sandra Turner.

Also present: Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, Dave Lowery, City Manager, Steve Bierhorst, Public Works Director, Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, and Anne Perry, Director of the Development Ready Community Committee, various members of the press and citizens in the audience.

Prior to the meeting a photo was taken of the three winners of the door prizes for the Development Ready Community Committee's city survey. They are Peggy Darce, Charles Sawyer, and Ellen Scott.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Marty Hardin of the Bethel Pentacostal Church in Patterson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Russel Cremaldi. A moment of silence was held in memorial for Melvin Fields, husband to Sylvia Fields, a City employee.

A proclamation in support of and for the Red Ribbon Week was offered by Sandra Turner, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, "Yes".

A permit for a Can Shake charity drive, scheduled Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at the corner of Catherine and Main Sts., 9:00 – 1:00 p.m., for the group sponsoring Project Graduation, assisting students at Patterson High School, was offered for approval by Larry Mendoza, seconded by Charles Sawyer, and all voted, "Aye".

A permit for a Can Shake charity drive for a local AAU Girls Basketball team to be held Sept. 15th, at the corner of Catherine and Main Sts., 9:00 – 2:00 p.m., was offered by Larry Mendoza, seconded by Sandra Turner, and all voted, “Aye”.

Sherel Martin, Patterson’s Chief of the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the council, giving a summary of the deficiencies of an aging fire truck (1979) which needs to be replaced. Larry Mendoza made a motion, seconded by John Rentrop, to authorize the Mayor to begin the process of drawing up bid specifications and exploring financing options to acquire a new unit. The City Attorney is to research and insure compliance with the public bid law. All voted, “Aye”.

The Mayor publically thanked Chief Sherel Martin, Assistant Chief Eric Boudreaux, and President Lonnie Easley, for their dedication and selfless service to the community during the storm. Other public workers were also thanked.

Ms. Anne Perry reported on the progress of the LaDRC (Louisiana Development Ready Community Committee) and invited the group to attend their next committee meeting.

Adding an additional item to the agenda, Joe Russo, made a motion to discuss Mount Pisgah Masonic Hall Parade Permit, seconded by John Rentrop, a roll-call vote was unanimous. John Rentrop made a motion to grant the permit, seconded by Charles Sawyer, and another roll-call vote was unanimous.

Under Legal Matters, City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, explained the process and the upcoming sale of public properties, with the bids to be received October 2, 2012. The legal advertising process has already begun, and the public was invited to contact City Hall for more details.

Clay Breaud, Providence GSE, gave us the engineering report on ongoing projects. The water plant is on schedule, and we are still anticipating a ground-breaking in January of 2013. The Catherine St. sidewalk project is complete, and we will start the final lien period on that project.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Larry Mendoza made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Dave Lowery, City Manager