Patterson City Council Meeting

**Minutes of Tuesday, June 4, 2013**

Present: Council members John Rentrop, Sandra Turner, Charles Sawyer, and Larry Mendoza. Absent: Joe Russo, III

**Also present: Mayor Rodney Grogan, City Attorney - Russel Cremaldi, City Manager - Dave Lowery, Public Works Director - Steve Bierhorst.**

7:00 p.m., Public Hearing – An ordinance to levy mileage rates for General Alimony Tax for the year 2013. There being no comments from the public, Larry Mendoza made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, “Aye”.

**Public Hearing – An ordinance to levy mileage rates for Public Improvement Tax for the 2013. There being no comments from the public, Larry Mendoza made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, “Aye”.**

**Regular Meeting:**

**The Invocation was offered by Rev. Marty Hardin.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sandra Turner.**

**Agenda item one: It was explained that legal advertisements for the sale of surplus equipment were not properly posted, so that sale is to be postponed until July 2nd, at 7:00.**

**Item two: It was explained that bids for the demolition of the house at 518 Leo Dr. were received and opened this past Thursday, May 30th, and only one bid of $4,500 was received from R. L. Thibodaux of Canal Rd., Bayou Vista. Larry Mendoza made the motion to accept that bid, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, “Aye”.**

**Item three: There was a lengthy discussion concerning the city-owned property now occupied or used by the St. Mary Parish Jr. High School – lying between Church St. and Catherine St. It was established that it is necessary to accurately define and delineate the boundaries to facilitate the proposed School Board plans for a new school facility at that location. The legal issues could be complex, and the City’s obligations would best be served with a clear knowledge of the property’s boundaries and deed reservations. The City’s engineers, Providence GSE, are to work on the project mapping out the property.**

**Item four: John Rentrop made a motion, seconded by Larry Mendoza to appoint the Morgan City Daily Review as the official journal of the City of Patterson, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Item five: To meet the requirements of the U.S.D.A. relative to the new water plant construction project, Sandra Turner made a motion to hire a third-party accounting firm of Darnall, Sikes, Kolder, and Fredrick to audit and provide quarterly financial reports to U.S.D.A.**

**Item six: A motion was made by Larry Mendoza, seconded by John Rentrop, to adopt an ordinance levying rates for Public Improvement mileage for Tax year 2013, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Item seven: Larry Mendoza made a motion, seconded by John Rentrop, to adopt an ordinance levying rates for General Alimony mileage for tax year 2013, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Item eight: The mayor made several announcements. The City is to receive an $8,000 grant from Healthy Southern Communities, to be used to help construct sidewalks near and around Hattie Watts School. The Community Fair will be held June 20th- 23rd this year. Our Summer Recreation Program has begun. There will be a Special Call meeting on Tuesday, June 25th, 6:00 p.m. for finalizing and adopting the annual budget.**

**Item nine: After hearing from William Gil, Chairman of the Main St. Committee, and other members of that committee, Dawn Rentrop and David Bourdier, in addition to Marilyn LaSalle, Director of the Patterson Economic Development Sustainability Committee, it was generally decided that all would review and edit a proposed ordinance drawn up to create a Cultural District in Patterson. Russel Cremaldi provided a draft of the proposed ordinance which mostly copied Morgan City’s ordinance of a similar nature. The goal is to have a final draft ready to be introduced at the July council meeting.**

**Item ten: A copy of the proposed annual 2013-2014 budget is to be hand-delivered to each council member to be reviewed and made ready for adoption at the Special Call meeting on June 25th.**

**Item eleven: The City’s auditors, Kolder, Champagne, Slaven, & Co. LLC submitted their Letter of Engagement for their services for the next fiscal year. John Rentrop made a motion to accept the letter and engage their firm, seconded by Larry Mendoza, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Item twelve: Legal Matters. Larry Mendoza offered a motion to amend the agenda to include adding another surplus vehicle to the list of those to be sold, seconded by Charles Sawyer, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Larry Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Charles Sawyer, to adopt a resolution adding another surplus vehicle (2002 Chevy van, VIN\*4660) to the list of others to be sold, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Item thirteen: Clay Breaud, Providence GSE offered his engineering report, including progress on the new water plant, Willow St. sewer utilities, sewer rehab on Cleveland, our Capital Outlay Budget Grant Application, and utility extensions off Waveland St.**

**Mayor Rodney Grogan made a plea to all veterans to try to utilize the services more that are provided for them through the Veterans Administration through the Franklin office.**

**There being no further business to come before the Council, Larry Mendoza offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Rentrop, and all voted, “Aye.”**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Dave Lowery, City Manager**