**Minutes – April 4, 2017**

**Council Meeting**

**City of Patterson, Louisiana**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:30 PM.**

**Mayor Grogan presided over the meeting.**

**6:30 PM Stop receiving bids on the fire truck.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held to discuss an ordinance repealing Section 36-12 and 36-13 of the Code of Ordinance which prohibits skating on sidewalks and operating bicycles on sidewalks, respectively. Chief LaSalle highly recommended the amendment to the ordinance. A discussion was held to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the St. Mary Parish School Board for Hattie Watts Park. Sean Marshall asked if we had any plans for improvement. Mayor Grogan said the City plans on moving some lights from the Junior High and we are currently working on a grant for two soccer fields. Ryan Aucoin, Community Development/Affairs, discussed a variance request for 118 Martin Luther King to be rezoned from R-6 to B-Business for a Snowball Stand. There was no public comment. Mayor Grogan closed the public hearing.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Pastor Jones led the Invocation.**

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

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

**Also present was City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, Chief LaSalle, and Clay Breaud with Providence / GSE.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda.**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Resolution for National Community Development Week, seconded by Councilmember Turner. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to amend the agenda to add a recommendation for Wards 5 & 8 Sewer District, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to amend the agenda to add a Shaq’s Scholarship Fund Run, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve the March 7, 2017 Minutes. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo 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 Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**No public comments were made concerning the agenda.**

**Cecelia “Beanie” Bonin with the 16th Judicial District Indigent Defender Board explained what the board undertakes and how important it is.**

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**Sealed bids for the Fire Truck were opened by Fire Chief Scott Domangue and Ryan Aucoin.**

**Sunbelt Fire - $348,429.00**

**Louisiana Emergency Equipment, Youngsville - $289,990.00**

**Bonaventure, Rayne - $304,649.00**

**5 Alarm, Houma - $325,000.00**

**Pearce, Lafayette - $417,181.00**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Darnell to take the bids under advisement, review the specs, and allow the Mayor to accept the lowest responsible bid. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt an Ordinance repealing Section 36-12 and Section 36-13 of the Code of Ordinances which prohibits skating on sidewalks and operating bicycles on sidewalks, respectively. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental agreement with the St. Mary Parish School Board for Hattie Watts Park. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a**

**Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.** **Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Resolution declaring the week of April 17 – 22, 2017 as National Community Development Week. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Michael Steward for the Wards 5 & 8 Sewer District Board. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to nominate Michael Steward to serve on Wards 5 & 8 Sewer District Board. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to grant Shaq’s Scholarship Fund Run on May 13, 2017. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to amend the agenda to include Introductions to Ordinances on Gas Rates and Sewer Rates. There was no public comment. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance adopting rates for gas service. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance adopting rates for sewer service. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to go with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and allow the Jennings at 118 Martin Luther King Avenue a variance to open their snowball kitchen, but not rezone the property. In the event the snowball kitchen is on longer operational, the property will revert back to having no variances allowed. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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**After a brief discussion on the short fall of revenues, Mayor Grogan asked council to table the salary/hourly rate decrease until after he meets with the parish. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to table salary/hourly rate decrease. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Chief LaSalle asked Council to table item # 6,** **light Duty within the Police Department. Councilmember Darnell made a motion to table item #6, light Duty within the Police Department, seconded by Councilmember Turner. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, gave an explanation of the liabilities and responsibilities of creating a safe zone within the City of Patterson. Chief LaSalle opposes designating a “Safe Zone.”**

**Councilmember Mendoza said it is not time to discuss purchasing or leasing property at 1101 Main Street.**

**Dawn Rentrop, Main Street, commented that the Movies in the Park were a success. Thanks to Terry Space and everyone else that helped with the event.**

**Mayor Grogan announced Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup.**

**Good Hope Church will be in Morey Park on Good Friday at 7 AM.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report. Mr. Breaud said the utility rate increases had to be done and he commends the Mayor and Council for doing so.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked Clay Breaud for his hard work. The City finally broke ground for the New Water Plant at 6 PM this afternoon.**

**Reginald Weary reminded everyone to vote on April 29th.**

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

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