**Minutes – March 7, 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, March 7, 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**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Brother Porter led the Invocation.**

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

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

**Also present was City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, Clay Breaud and Melanie Caillouet with Providence / GSE. Chief LaSalle was not in attendance.**

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

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

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

**Mayor Grogan read a Proclamation for Leaders against Litter which was signed Thursday, March 9, 2017. There will be an annual cleanup Friday, March 10th `in Berwick under the bridge at 8:30AM.**

**A representative from Chez Hope promoted their 14th Annual Trivia Night that will take place at the Patterson Civic Center on April 1st.**

**A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. There was no public comment. A discussion was held to discuss an ordinance to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bayou Country Children’s Museum for the donation of a fire truck that is in disrepair and cannot be used by the city. There was no public comment.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include an act of Exchange with the St. Mary Parish School Board / Patterson Junior High School. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to include the Act of Exchange. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to change an ordinance to a resolution for the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Berwick. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt an Ordinance to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bayou Country Children’s Museum for the donation of a fire truck that is in disrepair and cannot be used by the city. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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**Troy Larive with the American Legion was not able to attend. Mr. Larive asked for the can shake request to be tabled.**

**Nedra Daigle asked the Council to approve her application for Liquor Licenses for The Office 1123, a neighborhood bar / Daiquiri shop. Councilmember Russo made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to grant Liquor Licenses to Nedra Daigle for The Office 1123. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Fire Chief Scott Domangue spoke to the council about selling the 2004 Fire Truck to the Town of Berwick for $130,000.00. Berwick will make 2 payments to total this amount. Mayor commended Fire Chief Scott Domangue and the department for their work.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a Resolution to enter into a Cooperative Intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Berwick for the sale of a fire truck. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with St. Mary Parish School Board for Hattie Watts Park. The Agreement can be terminated by either party, with a written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date of the termination. The City shall remove all moveable things placed on the property within 30 days of the agreement termination. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**There was a discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Mary Parish School Board about the Act of Exchange of Property at Patterson Junior High.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to introduce 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, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Melanie Caillouet with Providence /GSE completed a sewer rate study. Melanie recommended increasing the sewer rates, and having them in place for the beginning of the fiscal year. The City had a $0.50 increase in 2007, prior to that it was 1996.**

**There was a lengthy discussion on the gas rates. The last gas rate increase was 1995. There is a 16% loss of revenue on gas. Ken Drone with Louisiana Municipal Gas Association will hold a meeting to discuss gas rates.**

**James Carinhas sat in for Chief LaSalle. Mayor Grogan commended the police department for the “Safest City” recognition.**

**Sealed bids for the Water Plant will be accepted Tuesday, March 14, 2017.**

**Dawn Rentrop with the Main Street Committee said there was an awesome turnout at the Movie in the Park. Two more movies are scheduled. Mayor commended Main Street Committee, Ryan Aucoin and Terry Space for all their hard work.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report. The soccer field survey is complete and preliminary layout has been done. They are working on field calculations and grading plan. Mayor Grogan is working on a grant for the soccer field.**

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

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