**Minutes – May 2, 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, May 2, 2017. 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 PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held to discuss an ordinance adopting sewer rates. There was no public comment. A discussion was held on adopting rates for gas services. Two customers from Bayou Vista wanted to know why out of town customers would have to pay more than in town customers and businesses.**

**Councilmembers appreciated the citizens voicing their opinions.**

**There being no further discussion. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Russo. The council unanimously agreed.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Pastor Bobby Powell of Bayou Vista Baptist led the Invocation.**

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

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve the April 4, 2017 Minutes. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded Councilmember Russo 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.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt an Ordinance adopting rates for Sewer Service. 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 Darnell to adopt an Ordinance adopting rates for gas service. 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 Darnell to Introduce an Ordinance levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.20 Mills for the year 2017. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to Introduce an Ordinance providing for the Tax of 14.00 Mills for the year 2017 on all property situated in the City of Patterson subject to taxation to pay for Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues.** **Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to introduce the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 fiscal year. Accountant Reginald Weary would like to sit down with the Council and have a budget workshop.**

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**Chief LaSalle asked the Mayor to table #4, Surplus Vehicle. Chief hasn’t received all the paperwork.**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to adopt a Proclamation for Older Americans Month, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Councilmember unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan read a letter from Cecelia Bonin, District Defender, asking for Councils support in passing a resolution. Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of the 16th Judicial District Public Defender Office, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**The Council heard from the departments.**

**Chief LaSalle said Warden Trevor Richard was the recipient of an award for giving his time to the youth. Patrol is increasing on Hwy 90,** **due to the construction, with 0 % tolerance.**

**Steve Bierhorst, Public Works Director, said we will soon be taking bids on automated water meters. He also stated that state law requires customers have a shut off valve at the meter.**

**The Community Center’s Summer Recreation is taking applications. It will be June 16 through July 21 from 8:30 – 3:00, at $50.00 per person.**

**Ryan Aucoin, spoke about Morey Park being available for parties, just notify City Hall. We will be getting prices for crosswalks at Morey Park.**

**Mayor Grogan announced the LMA District J Meeting** **of Municipal Officials will be at the Patterson Civic Center on June 20, 2017.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report. The water meters are going out for public bid. The Water Plant construction will begin June 5th and end February 2018.**

**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**