**Minutes – November 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, November 7, 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**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Brother Wendell Howse from Bethel Pentecostal Church led the Invocation.**

**Councilmember John Rentrop led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Grogan called for a moment of silence for the victims and families of the Texas Church shooting.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to dispense with the reading and approve the October 3, 2017 Minutes. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked if there was any public comment concerning any item on the agenda. There were numerous citizens voicing their opinions concerning the bear and garbage situation in the Shady Grove area. They have garbage scattered all over their yards. Some citizens are setting alarms to put their garbage cans out at 4:00 or 5:00AM. Some are frightened and concerned for children and pets safety. They are asking for help from the City. Mayor Grogan explained to them that it takes more than just the city in this situation and that is why he invited some representatives that will address this later in the meeting.**

**Gary Wiltz, M.D. spoke to the Mayor and Council promoting the Louisiana Campaign for tobacco-free living, which is a program of the Louisiana Cancer Research Center and the Louisiana Public Health Institute. He would like the City of Patterson to join the initiative and become a Tobacco free worksite.**

**Ronnie Johnson, the second guest on the Agenda, was not present at the council meeting.**

**Louisiana State Representative, Sam Jones; Maria Davidson, Large Carnivore Program Manager with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Catherine Siracusa, Black Bear Conflict Officer with the St. Mary Parish Government, and a representative from Senator Allain’s Office was present to listen to the bear and garbage concerns of the Citizens. There was a lengthy discussion on things they can do to help with the issue.**

**Mayor Grogan asked the residents to form a bear committee. Mayor Grogan will meet with them on Monday, November 13th at 10:00 AM.**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**There was no new business.**

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**Mayor and Council received reports from the Departments.**

**Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Director, gave announcements of upcoming events.**

1. **Sunday, November 26th, at 5:00 to 6:30PM, Christmas lighting in Morey Park.**
2. **Saturday, December 2nd, Movies in the Park presents, POLAR EXPRESS, in Morey Park” Santa arrives at 6:30 PM, Movie at 7:00 PM.**
3. **Saturday, December 9th, Boat Parade, Lower Atchafalaya River, viewing will be in Morey Park.**
4. **Sunday, December 10th, four-legged friends Christmas Parade at noon,**

**followed by the Annual Christmas Parade at 2PM.**

1. **Monday, December 11th, Patterson Christmas lighting contest from 6PM to 8PM.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report on the water plant, water meter replacement, and Capital Outlay request.**

**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**