**Minutes – August 7, 2018**

**Council Meeting**

**City of Patterson, Louisiana**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. 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 Ordinance No. 2018-07-A, authorizing Lease of Immovable Property, Jessie B. Hayes Memorial Boat Landing and Ordinance No. 2018-07-B, on the operation of motor vehicles or boats on flooded public streets, roads, highways or bridges.**

**There was no public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to close the public hearing. The council unanimously agreed.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Brother Kelly with Bayou Vista Baptist Church led the invocation.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison by all.**

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

**Also present was City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi; Police Chief, Janis Merritt; and Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to dispense with the reading and approve the July 3, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to accept the submission of the financial statement. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to amend the agenda to include a Resolution regarding a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing vehicles. 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 Turner to amend the agenda to allow Ellen Daigle Doskey to introduce herself. She is running for Court of Appeal. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**There was no public comment concerning items on the agenda.**

**Parish President David Hanagriff presented a $450,000.00 check to the City for street improvements. Also present was Council Chairman, Kevin Voisin. Mayor Grogan stated Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering prepared a construction budget for street improvements and Mr. Breaud will be waiting for approval. Mayor thanked Mr. Hanagriff and Council.**

**Ellen Doskey of Houma introduced herself to Mayor and Council. She is running for Court of Appeal.**

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

**Chief Merritt gave a July 2018 report for the Police Department. Mayor Grogan announced that Patterson was named the safest city in Louisiana. Mayor also stated the patrol program is in place across the tracks and the crime has decreased. Mayor Grogan thanked Chief Merritt.**

**Holden Murray spoke about the summer recreation program at the Community Center. Mr. Murray thanked the Mayor and Council for giving them the opportunity to work with the children in the new 2-phase program.**

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**Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Affairs gave report on Morey Park. The rain has slowed work down but they should still be on time with Phase-1 of the project.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-07-A authorizing lease of immovable property, Jessie B. Hayes Memorial Boat Landing. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-07-B on the operation of motor vehicles or boats on flooded public streets, roads, highways and bridges. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Reginald Weary, City Accountant spoke to the Mayor and Council about the new vehicles being purchased. Mr. Weary explained to Council that the Mayor needed approval from the Council to enter into a lease agreement. He also stated that the figures are in the budget, most of them. The City will pay ½ this budget and ½ next budget.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a Resolution regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for financing vehicles between the City and Government Capital Corporation. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Surplus items that did not sale on July 3rd will be advertised in the Daily Review and website again dropping the prices in half. A Mustang from the police department was also added to the surplus list. If these items fail to sell for the second time, the Mayor will ask Council if these items, minus the mustang, can go to the Berwick landfill.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to adopt a resolution declaring moveable items that are no longer needed for public purposes by the City of Patterson as surplus, and it would be in the best interest of the City to sell the items. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan stated that campaign signs are not allowed in the right of ways.**

**A discussion was held on setting up a Park Commission to oversee the old Junior High School.**

**The City of Patterson received the 1st Place Community Achievement Award at the Louisiana Municipal Association Conference for the construction of the new 1.5 MGD water plant.**

**Mayor Grogan congratulated the girls’ 12U softball team for winning the “Babe Ruth World Series” two years in a row.**

**Mrs. Beverly Domengeaux with the Council on Aging thanked the City and all who donated fans for the Senior Citizens.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked Ryan Aucoin and the local schools for a successful “Stuff the Bus” program.**

**There was no motion on a Resolution for the Opioid Litigation. The Council will study material presented by Mr. Russel Cremaldi.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report.**

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

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