**Minutes – July 3, 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, July 3, 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**

**Mayor Grogan stopped receiving bids for surplus items.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing was held to discuss an Ordinance increasing the salary of Chief of Police. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, explained the ordinance. Mayor Grogan stated the current ordinance would have an elected chief of police coming in making less than some of the police officers. The Council discussed the ordinance. 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.**

**Councilmember Mendoza led the invocation.**

**Councilmember Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Grogan extended well wishes to Raymond Harris and Sabria Hill. Mayor Grogan welcomed Eugene Foulard and David Naquin.**

**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.**

**There was no media in attendance.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to dispense with the reading and approve the June 5, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and Seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to amend the agenda to include a resolution amending the Personnel Manual to align with the State’s Nepotism law. 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.**

**Mayor Grogan explained that can shakes could be on Catherine Street, not Highway 182 or Highway 90.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to allow the Patterson High School dance team to have a Can Shake on July 14th. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to allow Mount Pisgah to have a can shake for their scholarship program on July 21st. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to allow Mike Jones with Flawless Wireless 2 to “Adopt Catherine Street”. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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**Mayor Grogan announced the Employee quarterly recognition recipients.**

**Police department, Ronnie Fuselier, Cathy Notto, and Kevin Stewart; Gas Department, Ronald Davis; Street Department, Harry Freyoux; Fire Department, Scott Hutton; Water Plant, Virgil Walton; and Administration, Kim Dardeau.**

**Mayor gave a special recognition certificate to Terry Space for his dedication to the City.**

**Mayor Grogan acknowledged and publicly thanked City Clerk, Angela Shilling-Boyles, for her commitment to her job.**

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

**Police Chief Merritt gave her monthly report. Mayor Grogan stated the police department will start patrolling across the tracks.**

**Steve Bierhorst, Public Works Director, explained the flow of Dynamite Canal, and the Goose neck that slows it down. The Drainage District is proposing to reroute the canal through City owned property to allow the water to flow more freely. Mr. Bierhorst stated the Drainage District can prepare an agreement and have City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi review it.**

**Ryan gave an update on Morey Park.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked Terry and all the volunteers for the work in Cherry Street Park. He announced that July 28 will be a day of service.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt the amended Ordinance increasing the salary of Chief of Police. 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 introduce an Ordinance authorizing lease of immovable property.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to introduce an ordinance on the operation of motor vehicles or boats on flooded public streets, roads, highways and bridges.**

**Mayor Grogan stated the items declared refuge at the June 5, 2018 Council Meeting were destroyed and brought to the landfill.**

**Mayor Grogan opened sealed bids on surplus items. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to accept highest bid. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**City Accountant, Reginald Weary, talked about the bids we received on purchasing vehicles for police department and public works department. He explained that LaMats was handling the bid process. Money is allocated in the budget for these units. However, the units will not be ready until October. The police units will be stripped out and ready to go. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to take bids under advisement and authorize the Mayor to accept the bid he deems acceptable. The council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Mary Parish Government, where the City is granted the use and occupancy, including allowing the City to grant use and occupancy to the Council on Aging. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan moved next to discuss the monies we will be receiving from the parish for road projects. City Engineer, Clay Breaud, worked up estimated construction cost for proposed streets for overlay.**

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**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Grogan to execute a Maintenance Agreement with the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development relative to Mowing and Litter pickup for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to renew the Contract with Cajun Mosquito Control, L. L. C. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to enter into an Engagement with Kolder, Champagne, Slaven and Co. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan explained that the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs sent a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the year 2018 – 2019. There was an increase of $626.79 from last year. There was no motion to enter into the agreement. The Mayor said he would get with the VA and have someone come speak with the Council next meeting.**

**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 Turner. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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