**Minutes –March 6, 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, March 6, 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**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Brother Steve Porter led the Invocation.**

**Councilmember Sandra Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for the Florida School shooting victims.**

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

**Also present was City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi and Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering.**

**Chief of Police, Patrick LaSalle was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to dispense with the reading and approve the February 6, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.** **Councilmember Joe Russo was absent.**

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

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

**Tammy Rogers with Chez Hope informed Mayor and Council about the organization’s 15th Annual Trivia Night. It will be held Saturday, March 17th at Legion on the Bayou, 1330 Irish Bend Road in Franklin.**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**David Medlin with Government Consultants spoke about the Excess Revenue Bonds, Series 2018.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to introduce an ordinance authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) of Excess Revenue Bonds, Series 2018 of the City of Patterson, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of such Bonds and providing for the payment thereof; authorizing an agreement with the Paying Agent, if required; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.**

**Frank Fink with St. Mary Parish Economic Development explained to Mayor and Council what the Industrial Tax Exemption Program would entail. After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to pass the resolution authorizing the participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Darnell and Turner voted no. Councilmember Rentrop and Mendoza voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent. Mayor Grogan broke the tie with a “no” vote. The Resolution did not pass.**

**Page 2**

**March 6, 2018**

**Council Meeting**

**Mayor and Council discussed tall grass and weeds in the City, not to be confused with blight property.**

**Mayor and Council discussed contracting private lawn services to cut high grass on private property. Civic Source told us not to put employees on private property. This is a risk to the City. The Mayor and Council discussed how to get a list of lawn service businesses. They talked about rotating the businesses. These lawn services will be insured and hold the City harmless. Certain employees will need to assess the City and note areas that need attention. The charges for cutting the grass and other fees deemed necessary will be added to the customers City taxes or a lien would be put on the property. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**The City was approached by Nexion (Patterson Healthcare) to provide gas to the nursing home. Providence Engineering proposed a cost of $76,500.00. Nexium Healthcare committed to $50,000.00 for the project. Mayor Grogan will be meeting with South Central Planning to apply for a grant for the $26,000.00. Mayor Grogan thanked Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Director, for his effort in pursuing Nexion.**

**Steve Bierhorst, Public Works Director, informed Mayor, Council and citizens attending the meeting of Public Awareness for the gas system and what is required of the City of Patterson.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a resolution in support of the St. Mary Community Action Agency / Head Start in its endeavors to ensure that all school readiness components have been properly implemented, as mandated in Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a proclamation for the Leaders against Litter Day in Patterson and call upon all citizens and local leaders to recognize the contributions which KEEP ST. MARY BEAUTIFUL makes daily to the cleanliness and beautification of our community, and in doing so, for said citizens and local leaders to pledge their support to KEEP ST. MARY BEAUTIFUL and to take a stand against litter. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan said the City gained federal approval for a Recreational Trails Program grant award of $89,906.00 for phase 2 of Morey Park project. Phase 1 of the project should be finished in September, weather permitting.**

**Mayor and Council received reports from the Departments. Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Director, said Morey Park will be closed while it is under construction.**

**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 Darnell. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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