**Minutes –May 1, 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, May 1, 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.**

**Minister Anthony Baham with Christ Gospel Church led the Invocation.**

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

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the April 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.**

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

**Larry Rader is a Candidate for U. S. Congress 3rd Congressional District. He gave a synopsis of his running platform.**

**Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Parish Council on Aging gave the Annual report on the organization. Mayor Grogan presented the Council on Aging with a check.**

**Crystal Hebert with the Center of Hope addressed Mayor and Council about the different ways the Center helps the special needs community.**

**Mayor Grogan asked for a permit for Shaq’s 5k Run on May 5th. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to issue a permit for Shaq’s 5k run, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Tammy Rogers with Chez Hope was promoting the Fit, Fun, and Fabulous mini event they will be having at the AARP Building in Morgan City. They expressed an interest in partnering with the City of Patterson to hold an event in Patterson at the beginning of 2019.**

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

**Mayor Grogan gave certificates for Quarterly Employee Recognition:**

**Lara Campbell, Gas Department; Lionel Stackhouse, Water Plant Operator; Nigel Gillium, Water Department; Billy Washington, Streets Department; Ryan Aucoin, Volunteer Fire Department; Kim Guarisco, Administration; Ashley H. Compton, Police Department; and Monica Harvey, Police Department.**

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**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Resolution authorizing the participation in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program with St. Mary Parish Council. 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 to levy Millage rates of 8.00 for General Alimony Tax for the 2018 Tax year.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to introduce an Ordinance to levy Millage rates of 14.00 for Public Improvement Bond Issues for Waterworks for the 2018 Tax Year.**

**There was a discussion on renewing the lease between the City of Patterson and St. Mary Parish Government for the Jessie B. Hayes Memorial Boat Landing. The lease was originally signed in 1998. Mayor Grogan asked the Council to decide what amount to lease the property to St Mary Parish Council. The current lease ends September 1, 2018. The Council asked for time to look over so they can come back with a fair price. It was also stated that the St. Mary Parish Council has property that the City uses so to consider this when making a decision.**

**There was a discussion on Light Duty with the Police Department. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, elaborated on light duty and said that the City does not want to start creating jobs for light duty. Councilmember Larry Mendoza stated that if they wear a gun, they should not be allowed on light duty. Chief Merritt stated she was not prepared to give a yes or no answer on light duty at this time. But she did feel if we have light duty there should be a time limit. Chief also said there are trustees in the area cleaning etc., so employees are exposed to the trustees. Also, we need to consider medicines employees may be taking while on light duty and doctors’ orders.**

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

**Mayor Grogan stated that the City will have a Special Call Meeting May 15th or 16th to discuss the Budget.**

**The City will host the LMA District J meeting on June 6th at the Patterson Civic Center.**

**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**