**Minutes – October 2, 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, October 2, 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**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to stop receiving bids, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

**Councilmember Mendoza led the invocation.**

**City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for the victims impacted by the tsunami in Indonesia and Lilly May Smith, wife of Planning and Zoning committee member, Hilliard Smith.**

**Kim Dardeau, City Tax Collector called roll. Councilmembers Darnell, Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner were all present. City Clerk, Angela Shilling-Boyles was absent.**

**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 Turner to dispense with the reading and approve the September 11, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

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

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Russo to allow Patterson High School Project Graduation to hold a can shake on November 10th on Catherine Street. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Councilmember Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to allow the Patterson Knights of Columbus to hold a tootsie roll drive on Catherine Street. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Councilmember Darnell made a motion to adopt a Red Ribbon Proclamation, seconded by Councilmember Russo. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Dr. Lianter Albert introduced himself and announced he is running for Coroner of St. Mary Parish.**

**Frank Grizzaffi introduced himself and announced his candidacy for Sheriff of St. Mary Parish.**

**Mayor Grogan announced the Employee quarterly recognition recipients. Water Plant, Lionel Stackhouse; Gas Department, Lara Campbell; Street Department, Craig Schneider; Administration, Damita Declouette-Young and Angie Landry; Police Department, Clyde Phillips and Fire Department, Cody Fontenot.**

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

**Chief Merritt gave a September 2018 report for the Police Department.**

**Public Works Director, Steve Bierhorst, spoke with council on the aging excavator and asked Council to think about a lease purchase or trading it in. Council asked City Mechanic, Terry Space his opinion on the excavator. The mechanic feels it can be repaired. The City will repair the excavator and hold off on buying a new one.**

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**Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Affairs, gave a report on the upcoming Fall Festival October 13, 2018.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to introduce an ordinance granting a servitude of passage over and across certain tracks of land for access to the Cemetery off Williams Street at Patterson Memorial Cemetery to Shield’s Society for future burials. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a Resolution authorizing Mayor Grogan to dispose of refuse items no longer needed for public purposes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of a director and an alternate director to represent the City of Patterson on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan asked Council to review the proposed Lease Agreement with St. Mary Community Action Committee Association** **for 1105 First Street.**

**Mayor Grogan announced Patterson will hold a Night Out Against Crime October 8th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

**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 Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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