**Minutes – September 11, 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, September 11, 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 Russo. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

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

**Brother Wendell Howse led the invocation.**

**Councilmember Rentrop led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for Tallulah Mayor, Paxton Branch, and the City of Tallulah, people that are impacted with the hurricane on the east coast, and the victims and families of 9/11.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to dispense with the reading and approve the August 7, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Travis Darnell was absent.**

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

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

**Vanessa Melancon with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs explained the reason for the increase in the annual Municipality Contribution to their department. Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to enter into the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Travis Darnell was absent.**

**Dawn Rentrop, Chairman with the Main Street Committee asked Council if they would judge the Couchon Cook off for the Patterson Fall Festival on Saturday October 13th.**

**Attorneys Joe Burke and Mike Stag explained the Opioid crisis and the reasoning behind the Litigation contract. Councilmember Mendoza made a motion to enter into the Opioid Litigation Contract, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Dr. Eric Melancon introduced himself, and announced that he is running for St. Mary Parish Coroner.**

**Mayor Grogan stated that Ronald Johnson would like to adopt Martin Luther King.**

**Dawn Melancon and Tammy Rodgers explained the Fit, Fun and Fabulous events.**

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

**Chief Merritt gave an August 2018 report for the Police Department.**

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**Steve Bierhorst, public works director, said they realize it is an active hurricane season and are checking all drainage to make sure everything is clear.**

**Holden Murray reports that the Community Center is getting ready to start tutoring all subjects after school for second grade and up.**

**Ryan Aucoin, Community Development Affairs, said Morey Park is coming along, and will be finished for the Fall Festival.**

**City Accountant, Reginald Weary, said the vehicles for the Police Department and Public Works Department are ordered and should be in next month.**

**Mayor Grogan stated the City did not receive any sealed bids on the surplus property. He said we would declare the surplus as refuse next month, with the exception of the Mustang. The City would try to recoup the money on the mustang and go down to $600.00 minimum bid.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza and seconded by Councilmember Russo to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the St. Mary – Vermillion CAA Head Start Program. Councilmember Russo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan explained Councilmember Sandra Turner would be liaison for the Community Center. Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to appoint an Advisory Commission. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent. Commission Members will include Jameson Sennette, Monica Leonard, Quinton Washington, Tempest Jackson, Amanda Bernadou, Trevor Richard, Carlon Butler and Tina Johnson, with the option of adding more members later.**

**Mayor Grogan explained that Shields Society is asking for a right of way** **through City owned property off Williams Street at Patterson Memorial Cemetery to Shields Society for future burials. Attorney, Russel Cremaldi explained that the City of Patterson would need an ordinance and he would prepare one for next council meeting.**

**Steve Bierhorst explained that a Bayou Vista resident approached the City wanting Gas available on Marcel Drive. Letters were sent to the eighteen property owners asking if they had an interest in Gas services. Eight residents responded, two positive and six possibly in the future. The estimated cost for this job is $18,750.00. The Council stated the cost is too great for the City to incur for two residents.**

**Councilmember Mendoza commented and thanked Mayor Grogan and Steve Bierhorst in reference to the lot adjacent to the boat landing cleared off.**

**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**