**Minutes – April 2 2019**

**Council Meeting**

**City of Patterson, Louisiana**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. 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.**

**Reverend Calhoun led the invocation.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for David Riggins with Government Consultants.**

**Angela Shilling-Boyles called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner were present. Councilmember Russo was absent due to a school function.**

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to dispense with the reading and approve the March 12, 2019 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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

**There was no public comment.**

**Faith Smith asked the Mayor and Council to consider relocating the Martin L. King Block Party at Mardi Gras. Mrs. Smith stated that it is hard for the people who live on that street to get to their homes. The music is loud and there is bad language. Mrs. Smith presented the Mayor and Council with a petition.**

**Veronica Brooks from Live Oak Street stated that the Block Party is only one day out of the year for only three hours. Ms. Brooks is against the relocation.**

**Reverend Calhoun stated the streets need to be kept open for the residents, fire trucks and ambulances.**

**Gertie Eugene stated she is against the relocation.**

**Mayor Grogan said there would not be a vote on this tonight. The council will have to vote next year when the permit is requested.**

**The City’s Magistrate, Attorney Ed Jones, explained to the Mayor and Council how Mayor’s Court can operate better in the future, be more efficient and move forward. Mayor’s Court needs a prosecutor when or if the budget will allow. Mr. Jones state he cannot be the magistrate and the prosecutor. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, put it in ordinance form to adopt at the May Council meeting.**

**Mayor and Council received reports from department heads.**

**Public Works Director, Steve Bierhorst, explained that Angelena Brocato contacted him and said the roof on the old Theater is collapsing and needs replacing. They want permission to access through the Morey Park side fence. Mayor and Council agreed that they would accommodate them, but everything needs to be put back before the Atchafalaya River Sprint Races on Saturday, April 27, 2019.**

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

**Administration, Kim Dardeau; Police Department, Brenda Cage, Charles Parker, and Joshua Diaz; Street Department, Billy Washington; Water Plant, Lionel Stackhouse; Community Center, Julia Sterling and Carrie Johnson.**

**An Engineer prepared a plot of the land that the Boy Scouts would like to purchase from the City of Patterson. City attorney, Russel Cremaldi said he would look into whether or not we will need an appraisal. He will prepare a document for next month if we decide to introduce the ordinance to allow the Boy Scouts to purchase the land.**

**There was a lengthy discussion on an Ordinance proposing the Amendments to the City Charter to provide that the Chief of Police shall hire, suspend and remove City Employees working within the Police Department without the consent of the Mayor and City Council, unless it exceeds the allotted budget. Mr. Cremaldi will prepare two introductions of ordinances for the next council meeting.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a Resolution to amend the 2018 – 2019 Budget. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce**

**an Ordinance to bring Mayor’s Court into compliance with state mandates by Supplementing and amending Section 28-1 of the code of ordinances as it pertains to the authority of the Mayor to try offenders.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a Resolution to dispose of refuse items no longer needed by the City of Patterson. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Turner said there was going to be a Community Service Day on April 13th at the old Jr. High School.**

**Mayor Grogan announced an Easter Egg Hunt at Cherry Street Park on April 13th.**

**There will be a Good Friday Church Service led by Pastor Condolle in Cherry Street Park.**

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

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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