**Minutes – August 6, 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, August 6, 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.**

**Councilmember Lee Condolle led the invocation.**

**Councilmember Travis Darnell led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for the shootings in Dayton, Ohio and El Paso, Texas.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the July 2, 2019 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to add a guest. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to add Vincent St. Blanc as a guest. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Laura Larive asked Mayor and Council for a permit to have an ALS Walk/Run on November 2nd. Councilmember Russo made a motion to approve a permit for a Walk/Run, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Guest Edwin Colbert, Patterson High School Basketball Coach, was not present.**

**A candidate for District 50 State Representative, Vincent St. Blanc introduced himself.**

**Mayor Grogan recognized the Police, Fire, Streets, Gas, Water, Sewer Departments, and Public Works for all their hard work during and after Hurricane Barry.**

**Mayor Grogan hired locals to assist with the debris pickup, which helped get debris out at a fast pace.**

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

**Police Chief Grogan gave his Police Department report.**

**Sharon Gillum, Water Plant supervisor, said they are awaiting final approval from the State on the new water plant.**

**Mayor Grogan and Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop and Turner attended the Louisiana Municipal Association Conference in Monroe. City of Patterson received Community Achievement Awards for Morey Park / Main Street Video. The award category was for 3001-10,000 population. Mayor Grogan thanked Dawn Rentrop and the Main Street Committee.**

**There was discussion on the drainage system. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to accept the engineering study proposal on the drainage system assessment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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**There was discussion on Red Cypress speed limit. Cleaning up after Hurricane Barry, the Mayor and city workers realized there was a speeding problem on Red Cypress. The Mayor asked Chief Grogan for his opinion. Chief Grogan recommended putting the speed limit to 35 MPH. Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, said we would need to amend an ordinance. Red Cypress was incorporated to be in the City of Patterson years ago.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to allow LaMats to advertise for bids on a 6” water line on Hurst Street. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to adopt a resolution to approve contract with Axon Enterprise Inc., for the purchase of Taser Product Package and Hardware. Councilmember Darnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Councilmember Darnell made a motion,** **seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt a resolution in support of the Hospital Service District. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and second by Councilmember Turner to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**The City purchased two trucks, one for the Gas, Water and Sewer Department and one for the Street Department. Mayor told Council we are in need of two smaller trucks for outside.**

**Discussion was held about 30 acres of Marshland owned by the City. Scott Green is interested in, but was not present. Mr. Green needs to be able to cross the property. He also stated there are people hunting it. Russel Cremaldi spoke to Mr. Green to find out what he wanted, a lease or a rite-of-passage. Mayor asked Council to study this. City Attorney will also research this.**

**With the recommendation of Councilmember Turner to the Mayor, motion was made by Councilmember Russo, seconded by Councilmember Darnell to appoint Gail Williams to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner abstained, because she recommended Mrs. Williams.**

**Announcements are as follows:**

**Shrimp and Petroleum Festival is August 30 – September 2.**

**Tri City Football Supports Team Blue is August 19, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. All invited to walk with area football teams across the Morgan City bridge.**

**Bikers on the Bayou will take place in downtown Franklin on August 24th. This is the 50th Anniversary of the movie Easy Rider that was filmed in the Franklin area.**

**Night Out Against Crime is October 3, 2019.**

**Patterson’s October Fest is October 26.**

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

**Reginald Weary, City Accountant, said the bids closed August 6th for the Electronic Water and Gas Meters.**

**Mayor Grogan announced he submitted his name to the State to be a candidate for President of Louisiana Municipal Association in two years. Election will be at the next LMA Conference.**

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

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