**Minutes – January 8, 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, January 8, 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.**

**Pastor Mark Gowan with Word of Life led the invocation.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison by all.**

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for Linda Adams, Councilmember Rentrop’s sister; and Joe Governale, along with others who have lost a love one since our last Council meeting.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the December 4, 2018 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

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

**Javon Charles introduced himself to Council and announced he is running for State Representative for District 50.**

**Patricia Wiggins, a Red Cypress Resident, spoke with Council explaining her anguish over the cane trucks this season. She said this year has been the worst. The cane trucks are heavily loaded and speeding.**

**Mary Alfred, also a Red Cypress resident, stated that her trailer has actually shifted on the cement pad from the cane trucks.**

**The Mayor asked the Red Cypress Road residents to give the Council time to do research on this problem and hoped to bring the cane truck owners to the table so they could all come to an agreement. Mayor Grogan asked Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering to survey Red Cypress Road to see how much weight the road can handle.**

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

**Chief Grogan gave a December 2018 report for the Police Department. Chief Grogan told Red Cypress homeowners that he would have his department patrol in that area.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked former Chief Janis Merritt for her service as interim Chief.**

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

**Administration, Holden Murray, and Reginald Weary; Police Department, Paula Lightfoot, Heza Piggott, Dennis Lynch and Clyde Phillips; Street Department, Broderick Bennett; Water Plant, Virgil Walton; Community Center, Julia Sterling and Carrie Johnson.**

**Mayor Grogan announced awards for the Christmas lights.**

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**Mayor Grogan stated that only one Cab Company has come into Compliance with the City’s taxicab ordinance. All other companies and their drivers will be fined for driving in the City of Patterson.**

**Councilmember Russo made a motion to nominate Councilmember Darnell to Mayor Pro-Tem seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Angela Shilling-Boyles as City Clerk. Motion was made by Councilmember Russo to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Angela Shilling-Boyles as City Clerk, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Kim Dardeau as Tax Collector. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Kim Dardeau as Tax Collector, seconded by Councilmember Turner. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Russel Cremaldi as City Attorney. Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Russel Cremaldi as City Attorney, seconded by Councilmember Turner. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Providence Engineering as City Engineer. Motion was made by Councilmember Russo to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Providence Engineering as City Engineer, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended Edward Jones as the City’s Magistrate. Motion was made by Councilmember Turner to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Edward Jones as the City’s Magistrate, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, reviewed the Bylaws presented at last month’s Council Meeting and made the necessary changes. He explained the changes to the Mayor and Council. Councilmember Darnell made a motion to accept the revised By Laws for the Patterson Community Center Advisory Board, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. The Council unanimously voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan announced that Pelican Waste and Debris increased the garbage fees by 4% beginning November 1, 2018.**

**Mayor Grogan stated that Mr. Keith Grimball resigned from the Patterson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Mayor Grogan thanked him for his years of service.**

**A Special Call meeting will be held Monday, January 14th at 5:30 PM to discuss automated water and gas meters with Aquametric, along with a request for a Martin Luther King Day March Permit.**

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

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Rentrop 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**