**Minutes – July 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, July 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 - A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss an Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Community Action Committee, Inc. for the lease of a portion of the Patterson Community Center by the City to St. Mary Community Action Committee, Inc., including term of lease, consideration, and other terms and conditions. Discussion on an Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Council on Aging, Inc., for the lease of the old City Hall by the City to St. Mary Council on Aging, Inc., including term of lease, consideration and other terms and conditions. There was no public comment. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. There was a roll call vote. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Steve Manville with Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship led the invocation.**

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

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

**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 Condolle to dispense with the reading and approve the June 4, 2019 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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

**Pat Wiggins, a resident of red cypress spoke about flooding twice in 2 months. Mayor Grogan stated she is below the level of the streets. He asked the City Engineer, Clay Breaud, to speak with her.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to amend the agenda to include a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of the Treasury, Act 2 of 2018 Extraordinary Legislative Session, for $25,000.00 for Morey Park. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to amend the agenda to include a can shake for Mount Pisgah, seconded by Councilmembers Condolle. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Lease Agreement for Law Enforcement Tasers, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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**There was no public comment on the amended items.**

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

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

**Sharon Gillum, Water Plant supervisor, said the new water plant has to work for 18 or more hours a day for 3 weeks for testing purposes, awaiting final approval from the Louisiana Department of Health.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt an Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Community Action Committee, Inc. for the lease of a portion of the Patterson Community Center by the City to St. Mary Community Action Committee, Inc., including term of lease, consideration, and other terms and conditions. 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 Darnell to adopt an**

**Ordinance to authorize the City to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Council on Aging, Inc., for the lease of the old City Hall by the City to St. Mary Council on Aging, Inc., including term of lease, consideration and other terms and conditions. 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 allow Mount Pisgah to hold a can shake July 27th. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell abstained, and Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to allow the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Louisiana Department of the Treasury, Act 2 of 2018 Extraordinary Legislative Session, for $25,000.00 for Morey Park. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Chief Grogan discussed a Lease Purchase Agreement with Maintenance on 10 new Tasers.**

**The City’s Magistrate, Edward B. Jones, Esq., recommended the appointment of 16th Judicial Assistant District Attorney Erica Rose as the City’s Prosecutor. Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to appoint Erica Rose as the City’s Prosecutor. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan gave a report on his visit to the Washington D.C. in June.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a Resolution approving the appointment of a Director, Mayor Grogan, and Alternate Director, Ronald Davis, to represent the City on the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Municipal Natural Gas Purchasing and Distribution Authority. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to enter into an Engagement with Kolder, Slaven & Company. They Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a resolution approving and accepting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire required by the State of Louisiana Legislature Auditor’s Office as part of the annual audit of the City. They Council unanimously agreed.**

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**Councilmember Turner made a motion seconded by Councilmember Condolle to table # 5 under New Business, Appointment of Gail Williams-Dangerfield to the Patterson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan asked the City Engineer, Clay Breaud, to assess the drainage problem.**

**Mayor and Council discussed the manufactured bear proof cans being used south of the rail that were provided by the Parish that the Pelican trucks are able to unlock. The City made cans with locks that are provided to help customers in areas with heavy bear traffic. These cans have to be unlocked by the customer by 7:00 A.M. the morning Pelican comes. Mayor Grogan hopes all of Patterson will have bear proof cans in the future.**

**A City trailer is used to pick up heavy items. We do not have a trash truck. Leaves can be put in the garbage can and limbs need to be cut in small bunches. Mayor Grogan said it works for Berwick and Franklin without a Trash Truck. The City has to pay to bring items to the Parish Landfill. Citizens get the service free. We need Public Awareness on this subject.**

**There was a discussion on the 35 and 45 mph speed limit on Red Cypress Road. Mayor asked Council to study this issue and we will revisit at a later date**

**The Mayor and Council discussed identifying the streets to by overlaid with the monies projected to be received from the Parish Government. Streets were discussed. The Mayor asked Council to study highly populated streets that should be overlaid.**

**The Mayor and Council discussed the land adjacent to the City Hall. Council said “no” to outright purchasing the land. The Casso Property could be used for storage tanks, also for trucks turning in and out of the water plant. The City of Patterson cannot give more than the appraised value for property. Possibly a USDA Grant could help to purchase the property.**

**Council also discussed the Felterman Property. The house needs a lot of work and would cost ½ Million to redo. These properties were just discussion.**

**Mayor Grogan said the City needs to entertain expanding the Historic District.**

**Keith Grimball asked why the kayak gate at Morey Park is locked. Councilmember Rentrop said the kayak gate is open.**

**There was a discussion on replacing the 2” water line on Hurst Street. Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering said the City needs up to a 6” water line. The construction cost would run around $19,500.00.**

**The Council on Aging is in need of box fans for the seniors.**

**“Stuff the Bus” will be held July 25th from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. in the Family Dollar Store parking lot.**

**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 Condolle. 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**