**Minutes –March 12, 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, March 12, 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.**

**Russel Cremaldi led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**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 Turner and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve the February 5, 2019 Minutes. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell 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.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to add resolutions pertaining to the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to take up the resolutions pertaining the LCDBG Engineering and Administration Services, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. There was no discussion from the public. 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 PHS Track and Field to hold a can shake on March 30th from 9AM to 2PM. The council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Jeff Lagrange and other Cypress Sawmill Festival volunteers addressed Mayor and Council about the upcoming Festival being held April 5th – 7th at Kemper Williams Park. The City presented the festival with a $1,500.00 check.**

**Jeff Lagrange with Boy Scout Troop 41 is requesting 10 feet of adjacent property to the scout hut. The Mayor recommended for Council to do their homework. Council will take it into consideration. Mr. Lagrange will have an Engineer make a plot of the land for the next meeting. Mayor recommended the Boy Scouts pay the Engineering cost.**

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

**Police Chief Grogan said 15 juveniles were arrested this past month. The juveniles are booked then released to their parent or guardians, due to the limited space in juvenile facilities. Some are repeat arrest.**

**Mayor Grogan asked City Clerk, Angela Shilling-Boyles and City Accountant, Reginald Weary to stand for a round of applause. The City received a letter from Police Retirement requesting $700,000.00. Mayor Grogan, Mrs. Boyles and Mr. Weary scheduled a meeting in Baton Rouge with Louisiana Municipal Retirement System at the LMA Office. The City received a letter after the visit from Police Retirement stating the City does not owe the $700,000.00.**

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**Holden Murray spoke with Mayor and Council about the upcoming Community Challenge we received from the City of Ville Platte. The Challenge begins April 1st until June 1st and promotes health in Louisiana, along with healthy food choices and an active lifestyle.**

**Reginald Weary explained that we would be amending the budget next month. He is going to initiate a 6.25% cut back next budget year. The cut back is to replace our reserve funds. Mr. Weary stated the City has several large projects going on. In the next 4 year, Mayor Grogan would like to get back to what the budget was 8 years ago.**

**No action was taken on the City Charter Amendment to provide that the Chief of Police appoint, 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. Mayor Grogan wants all the Council Members present when the Charter Change is discussed. Councilmember Russo was not present. Mr. Cremaldi stated he is available if any of the Councilmembers have questions.**

**Mayor Grogan has spoken to the District Attorney’s office about the juvenile problems we are having. He asked for a meeting with Anthony Saleme and Vince Borne for an assessment to meet our needs. Mayor Grogan offered the old police station to house our juveniles with a couple of extra beds for other areas with the help of the parish and state. Mayor Grogan, Police Chief Garrett Grogan and former Police Chief Janis Merritt all agreed there is a juvenile problem. Mayor and Chief are asking council to approve an assessment for housing juveniles.**

**Mayor Grogan requested Chief G. Grogan’s opinion of light duty in the police department since he became Chief in January 1, 2019. Chief Grogan said there would be no light duty at the police department. Officers must be fully released for duty by the doctor to return to work.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended appointing Ross Fruge to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Ross Fruge to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan recommended appointing Kent Landry to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle to accept Mayor Grogan’s recommendation and appoint Kent Landry to the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a resolution declaring surplus vehicles that are no longer needed for public purposes by the City of Patterson as surplus, and it would be in the best interest of the City to sell the items. 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 a resolution pertaining to the contract for Administrative Services for the year 2021/2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded By Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a resolution pertaining to the contract for Engineering Services for the year 2021/2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program. 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 Turner to adopt a National Autism Awareness Month Proclamation. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Mary Parish Government relative to the exemption of tipping fees for demolition and cleanup of derelict properties. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

**Mayor Grogan announced that Sandra Marshall and family donated the Kiosk that was installed today, March 12th at Morey Park.**

**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 also.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave an engineering report. He said the asphalt of streets are 70% – 80% complete.**

**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**