**Minutes – November 5, 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, November 5, 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 Condolle led the invocation.**

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

**Angela Shilling-Boyles called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, and Turner were present. Councilmember Darnell entered Council Room at 7:13 PM. 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 Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to dispense with the reading and approve the October 1, 2019 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent. Councilmember Darnell was not present.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent. Councilmember Darnell was not present.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include a Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Jesse Doiron, Inc. in accordance with the Substantial Completion for the Hurst Street Waterline Replacement. Councilmember Condolle made a motion to include the Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent. Councilmember Darnell was not present . There was no public comment.**

**Beverly Domengeaux with the St. Mary Parish Council on Aging gave their Annual Report.**

**Roddy Matherne, Mark Fridge and Kuchonnie Lewis with Pelican Waste and Debris were present. Mayor Grogan told Roddy Matherne that he and the City Councilmembers along with many customers are not happy with the service from Pelican Waste. If garbage is not picked up, we have terrible bear problems. Mr. Matherne apologized for the service, explaining that his mechanic has been out sick. They have been renting trucks to work the Patterson area. They plan to replace the trucks with new trucks. Mr. Matherne said he is committed to Patterson and wants a long-term relationship, not short term. He has placed Kuchonnie over St. Mary Parish. Mr. Matherne complimented Kuchonnie on her hard work and getting the job done. He also hired a new maintenance manager. Mr. Matherne told Mayor and Council he would keep renting trucks until his trucks are repaired. He wants to do the right thing. Mayor Grogan thanked Kuchonnie for the hard work, along with Councilman John Rentrop.**

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

**Police Chief Garrett Grogan thanked Mayor and Council, along with City Accountant, Reginald Weary, for allowing him to hire three Police Officers.**

**The speed limit on Red Cypress has been reduced to 35 MPH from Hwy 90 to Hwy 182. Chief Grogan stated that his department has had calls that the ground will rumble. Chief said you do not have to be speeding for this to occur.**

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**Mayor had some announcements.**

**Mayor thanked Chief for the “Night out against Crime” and for the Halloween festivities.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked Terry Space for his hard work with Main Street and October Festival.**

**Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor said all test on new water plant were good. We are waiting on the generator and chemical tank. Mayor commended Sharon.**

**Mayor thanked Dawn Rentrop and all who helped with the Fall Festival. Mr. Brightman Kornegay did a great job with Coach Staples ceremony at the Patterson High School.**

**Mayor said it was good to see all the Class reunions participate with the October Fall Festival.**

**Mayor Grogan attended Mr. B. L. Como’s 100th Birthday celebration said it was well attended and very nice.**

**Cleco has started putting up the Christmas decorations. He thanked Terry Space and Steve Bierhorst for working with Cleco.**

**Community Center gave pink pumpkins for October Breast Awareness Month.**

**Mayor Grogan attended a conference for Rural Water. It was brought up that small businesses using less water than citizens was a concern, and whether council should look at this concern. Mr. Weary explained that there is a repayment on bonds to be considered and business owners are allowed to have some write offs. The City has to stay black and white with no grey areas. Mayor Grogan just wanted to bring it up to Council to think about or study.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop, seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a resolution authorizing the display of the National Motto “In God We Trust”. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent. Mayor Grogan stated Steve Bierhorst would order the lettering and have it put over the entrance to City Hall.**

**There was a discussion on the Casso property next to the new water plant. Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, said we could enter into a lease purchase with the option to buy at $600.00 per month, with rental fees going toward purchase and the City would have use of the property. Mayor said we have used it for 2 years now. We can only pay appraised value. There were questions from Council if this included the mobile home and building on the property. Mayor said it would stay as is until the purchase. Is Council interested in the mobile home and does the appraisal include mobile home? The Mayor also stated if we purchased the mobile home, we would have to move it according to the ordinance. The Mayor stated that we need the land for storage.**

**Holden Murray, Human Resource Officer explained the Sexual Harassment Policy to the Mayor and Council. The 2018-2019 state law states that public entities require Supervisors to have two hours of training per year. All public servants have one hour of training per year.**

**The Cities Sexual Harassment Policy has to be updated per Karen White, Attorney with LMA. This updated policy needs to be in place by the year 2020.**

**Mr. Murray also stated that the City needs to remove the question “are you a convicted felon” on the Employment Application. Mayor said he had talked about this before 2014.**

**Mayor Grogan signed a Domestic Violence Proclamation.**

**There was a brief discussion on David Vicknair, Jr. leasing the City’s Marshland south of the rail. Mr. Cremaldi said he could have something ready for the December 2019 meeting if Council is interested in leasing. This would have to be presented to the public. No vote was taken tonight.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Jesse Doiron, Inc. in accordance with the Substantial Completion for the Hurst Street Waterline Replacement. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.**

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**Mayor Grogan received a letter from a customer outside of the City limits concerning an exposed gas line. There has been City workers go to this area to correct this problem, but now feel a contractor is needed to repair the gas line.**

**There was a discussion on the property on the corner of Main and Red Cypress. The owner and family are living in a camper, which is against the City Ordinance. Mayor Grogan recommended that the owner go to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor will need the owner of the property to give a definite plan by January 2020. David Lowery suggested flipping the property so the address would face Red Cypress not Main Street. The owner would have to have the land surveyed. The two new lots would still have to meet the City requirements. City attorney, Mr. Cremaldi said this could be handled in administration. Property owner can go to planning and zoning and ask for a variance. However, this needs to be handled and cannot drag on.**

**Brenda Simon Realty is representing the Gooch Family in selling property. The property has a sign reading Patterson Cemetery, along with graves on both City and Gooch property. The City of Patterson did not put the Patterson Cemetery sign there, and the graves were put there without the City’s knowledge.**

**Clay Breaud with Providence Engineering gave the 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**