**Minutes – October 1, 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, October 1, 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 amend and reenact sub-section 30-34 (3) of the zoning ordinance, changing the speed limit on Red Cypress Road. There was no public comment. Councilmember Russo made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**Officer Oscar West led the invocation.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for Jackie Couture, Rosemary Carlino Ayres, Sylvia Folse Felterman, Jarrad Cannon, Leona Frances Carlino, Mary Lee Thibodeaux, Rosie Green, and Arthur Lee Dugar.**

**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 Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve the September 3, 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.**

**There was no public comment.**

**The following guests announced there candidacy.**

**Howard Castay introduced himself and announced his Candidacy for Parish Council Member at Large,**

**District 11.**

**Jeremy Chesteen introduced himself and announced his Candidacy for Parish Council Member at Large, District 10.**

**PHS Dance Team representative was not in attendance for their can shake. No action was taken.**

**Officer Oscar West spoke about the upcoming “Red Ribbon Week” along with the schedule of activities for each day.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo to amend the agenda to add the Proclamation for “Red Ribbon Week”, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a Proclamation for “Red Ribbon Week”, seconded by Councilmember Russo. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Russo to grant a permit to Mt. Pisgah 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 26th, beginning at 8:00 AM. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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

**Police Chief Garrett Grogan had his department stand. He introduced a newly hired police officer, Cody Thibodaux who is post certified with 13 years’ experience. Chief said for now on, all new officers will be introduced to Mayor and Council.**

**Mayor Grogan said we are still waiting for the Department of Health and Hospitals to give us the go ahead on the water plant. We are on the 4th test and it came back good again.**

**Mayor had some announcements.**

**October is Breast Cancer Month. He acknowledged City Clerk, Angela Shilling-Boyles, being one year Cancer free.**

**The election is on October 12th.**

**Patterson’s Night out against crime, Thursday night, 6:00-8:00PM, October 3rd.**

**Light House Festival in Berwick, October 4-6.**

**PHS Homecoming is last week in October.**

**Patterson’s Fall Festival is October 26th. We will honor Mr. B.L. Como’s 100th Birthday.**

**Community Foundation of Acadian will honor Frank and Joy Guarisco on November 7th at the Cajundome Convention Center.**

**Trunk or treat will be held on Stable Road at the old skating rink parking lot on Sunday October 27th from 6:00 to 8:00PM.**

**We will observe Halloween on October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00PM.**

**Mayor spoke about the 2020 Census.**

**Turning Christmas lights on in Morey Park, Sunday November 17th.**

**Christmas parade, Sunday, December 15th.**

**Community Center is partnering with the Police Department for the 2nd annual Coats for Kids drive. They are asking the community to get involved and donate a new or gently used coats in the month of October. The Community Center will start distributing the coats in November.**

**City Accountant, Reginald Weary will meet with FEMA October 2nd to go over the City’s expenditures for Hurricane Barry.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt Ordinance #2019-08 to amend and reenact sub-section 30-34 (3) of the zoning ordinance, changing the speed limit on Red Cypress Road. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**There was a discussion on Red Cypress Road is in need of maintenance. The trees need trimming, the road is poorly lit, and needs stripping. Mayor asked council to give him permission to seek out some prices in getting some work done. Mayor asked Mr. Bierhorst to find a contractor to get the trees trimmed.**

**There was a lengthy discussion about the poor service we are getting from Pelican Waste. Mayor Grogan will ask Roddie Matherne with Pelican Waste to be at the next Council meeting.**

**There was also discussion about the problems with bears and garbage cans.**

**Mayor Grogan said we need POST Certified Police Officers. Chief Grogan said we are in need of three Patrolman.**

**City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi said there is a State law on blighted property that he can look at. We can look at other Cities Ordinances on junked, abandoned and inoperable vehicles. Mr. Cremaldi stated he would do this for us. The ordinance that we have now needs a few changes. We need to look at the condition of the vehicle not the value. Councilmember Rentrop and Turner will spearhead this project. Mayor Grogan suggested a couple of town hall meetings to educate people and make them aware of the problems with the vehicles.**

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**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, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

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