**Minutes – August 4, 2020**

**Council Meeting**

**City of Patterson, Louisiana**

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00 PM.**

**Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the council meeting took place by internet or mobile technology tele-conferencing. Due to social distancing and gathering restrictions, the public could participate in the meeting through the City of Patterson Facebook page, Patterson Louisiana. Viewers could post their questions in the comment section while the meeting was being streamed live. City Hall was only permitting Mayor, Council, Police Chief, Attorney, Engineer and a limited number from the public inside of the building.**

**6:00 PM – A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss Ordinance # 2020-07A levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.30 Mills for the 2020 Tax Year. Discussion on Ordinance # 2020-07B levying 14.00 Mills for Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks issues for the 2020 Tax Year. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner agreed.**

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

**Councilmember Condolle led the invocation.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for former Councilmember Peggy Rentrop, and Congressman John Lewis.**

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

**Also present was Police Chief Garrett Grogan; City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, and Fire Chief Scott Hutton. City Engineer Melanie Caillouet was not present.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to dispense with the reading and approve the July 7, 2020 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to include a Resolution for Peggy Rentrop. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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

**Guest Yolanda Butler Darby was not present.**

**Lori Landry** **introduced herself and announced her candidacy for the 16th Judicial District Attorney.**

**Council approved a permit for a can shake for St. Mary Parish Advocate Humane Society.**

**Chief Grogan gave his monthly report to Mayor and Council.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt an Ordinance levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.30 Mills for the tax year 2020. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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**July 7, 2020**

**Council Meeting**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt an Ordinance levying 14.00 Mills for the Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues for the tax year 2020. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember John Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Sandra Turner to adopt a Resolution in honor of Peggy May Rentrop. A native and lifelong resident of Patterson and a former City Councilmember.**

**City Accountant Reginald Weary spoke to Council about reducing the interest on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012. After explaining to Council, motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce an Ordinance amending Ordinance No.2012-05 adopted on July 10, 2012, to provide for a reduction of the interest rate on the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012, and for other matters in connection therewith.**

**The Planning and Zoning Board was asked to look at the Ordinance not allowing modular homes on Main Street. After reviewing modular homes, Mr. C. C. Steward Jr., Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman of the Board, addressed the Mayor and Council. He advised that the Board voted “NOT to allow Modular Homes on Main Street.” The Ordinance stands as is.**

**The Planning and Zoning Board was also asked to review 728 Williams Street, which is City owned and the property has graves on it. Chairman Stewart stated the Board recommended to the Mayor and Council to allow a graveyard / cemetery at this address.**

**It was brought to the Mayor and Councilmembers attention by Dave Lowery that there are people living in metal storage containers. Mr. Lowery was not present at the meeting but recommends prohibiting the use of metal storage containers for housing. After a lengthy discussion, Attorney Russel Cremaldi stated he would study what laws they have on living in metal storage containers.**

**Mayor Grogan discussed abandoned cars. Councilmember John Rentrop and Sandra Turner will be working on this item.**

**Mayor Grogan thanked C.C. Stewart and the board for their time.**

**Fire Chief Scott Hutton gave a report on recent fires. Councilmember John Rentrop thanked the Chief and his department. Chief Hutton in return thanked Mayor and Council for all they do for the Fire Department.**

**There was a discussion on the property located at 625 Taft Street which was purchased for 1% by Councilmember Sandra Turner, before she was on the City Council. Although located in Patterson, Turner purchased 1% at the St. Mary Parish Tax Sale.**

**There was discussion on widening the intersection of Hwy 90 and Park Street. Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to widen Park Street when entering from Hwy 90, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan gave the engineering report from Providence Engineering.**

**Mayor Grogan stated the number of Patterson residents that have completed the Census is currently at 50.4%. We need 500 more households to meet our goal.**

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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