**Minutes – February 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, February 4, 2020. 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 amending section 2-1 of the Code of Ordinances to change the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and City Council to 6:00 PM. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Russo. A roll call vote was held****. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

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

**Reverend Steve Porter led the invocation.**

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

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

**Also present was City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi; Police Chief, Garrett Grogan; and Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include a Planning and Zoning Committee replacement.**

**Councilmember Darnell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to include appointing a replacement to the Planning and Zoning Committee****. A roll call vote was held.** **Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include the audit referencing the Fire Department.**

**Councilmember Condolle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to expand the agenda allowing the discussion of the Fire Department audit. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

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

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

**There was no public comment.**

**Dr. Eric Melancon, St. Mary Parish Coroner, gave a report from his office for the year 2019.**

**Council and Chief Grogan approved the can shake to allow Patterson High School Band to hold a can shake.**

**Chief Grogan and Council approved the Amani Parade.**

**Discussion was held on the after parade Block party. There was no opposition in the audience. However, Councilmember Turner asked if the citizens living in the area would be able to get to their homes. Chief Grogan assured Councilmember Turner there would be no problems. Council approved the Block Party.**

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

**Police Chief Garrett Grogan gave the January 2020 Report.**

**Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, said the new water plant will be online this month.**

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**Mayor Grogan stated that we are still getting many citizen complaints about the black bears getting in the trash. We were told by Pelican Waste that there are no more bear cans available at this time.**

**Carrie Johnson announced that tutoring is available at the Community Center.**

**Julia May with the Community Center is working on the Census. She is trying to inform citizens about the Census.**

**Fire Chief Scott Hutton gave his fire department report.**

**Mayor and Council presented Christmas decoration winners checks for the year 2019.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt an Ordinance amending section 2-1 of the Code of Ordinances to change the time of meetings of Mayor and City Council to 6:00 PM.** **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 Rentrop to introduce an Ordinance amending by adding section 36-52 of the code of ordinances, restricting the posting and displaying of political signs on public property.**

**The Mayor and Council resumed discussion about the marshland owned by the City south of the rail. There will be no sale. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi will have an ordinance prepared for the next council meeting to lease the land to the highest bidder.**

**There was no interest in purchasing the Gooch Family property next to the City’s property and creating a cemetery on Williams Street.**

**The Mayor asked council to access and prioritize the list of streets that he presented to them that need to be overlaid.**

**Mayor Grogan asked to appoint 2 new members to the Planning and Zoning Committee. They are Jeremy Chesteen and Cedric Wilson. Mayor Grogan said members Sean Marshall and Ross Fruge are no longer interested in being on the Committee.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to declare two seats vacant on the Planning and Zoning Committee. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to appoint Jeremy Chesteen to the Planning and Zoning Committee. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to appoint Cedric Wilson to the Planning and Zoning Committee. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt a Resolution providing for the acceptance of work performed by Lemoine Company L.L.C. in accordance with the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 1.5 MGD Compact Clarification System Water Treatment Plant. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo, and Turner voted yea.**

**After a lengthy discussion with the Council Members regarding the audit of the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department, Mayor Grogan proposed following the recommendation of the District Attorney’s Office with the Patterson Police Department conducting the investigation with Chief Garrett Grogan in agreement.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce an Ordinance to change the name from Clements Street to Clemons Street.**

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**Melanie Caillouet 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 Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

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