**Minutes – January 7, 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, January 7, 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 to authorize a lease agreement with option to purchase property at 1220 Main Street with Joseph E. Casso. There was no public comment. A discussion of an Ordinance to grant a hunting lease to David Vicknair on marshland owned by the City south of the rail. Mr. Russel Cremaldi explained the lease. Scott Green with Green Community Foundation explained his reasons for wanting the property and Mr. Vicknair also spoke. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

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

**Keith Tayloe, Children’s Pastor of Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship led the invocation.**

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

**Kim Dardeau, Tax Collector, called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo were present. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

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

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the December 3, 2019 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include a permit for Martin Luther King walk, introduction of ordinance for the time change of the Council meetings, and discussion of political signs.**

**Councilmember Russo made a motion to amend the agenda to include a permit for Martin Luther King walk, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Councilmember Darnell made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Introduction of Ordinance to amend the time of the council meetings, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion on political signs, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. There was no public comment. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Mayor Grogan recognized Donald Triggs on his retirement with 30 years of service with the City of Patterson. Mr. Triggs was not present.**

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

**Police Chief Garrett Grogan gave his December 2019 Report. Mayor Grogan commended the Chief and his officers.**

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**Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, said the water plant generator will be fully installed and in working order by the end of the week.**

**Mayor Grogan recognized Mr. Glover with Clay Higgins office.**

**Bonnie with the Parish will be giving out information on the 2020 census. They will have a 2020 Census recruiting event January 31, 2020. Jobs are available.**

**Councilmember Russo made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to authorize a lease agreement with option to purchase property at 1220 Main Street with Joseph Casso. Councilmember Darnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Councilmember Rentrop made a motion to table an Ordinance to grant a hunting lease to David Vicknair on marshland owned by the City south of the rail until further information is gathered on a lease or sale of the land. Councilmember Darnell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**There was a discussion on the Patterson Memorial Cemetery located on Williams Street. Mr. Russel explained that the regulations of the Cemetery Board are very stringent. Mayor and Council will study.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to grant a permit for an M.L.K. Walk on January 20, 2020. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**There was a discussion on Political signs. Mayor Grogan asked Mr. Cremaldi to prepare an introduction of ordinance on the posting, displaying and removal of political signs for next month.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to introduce 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.**

**Reginald Weary**, **Accountant, and Kim Guarisco, Billing Clerk, explained the Pelican Waste rate increase. There was discussion on the garbage rate for out of the City limit customers that needs to be updated.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a Resolution amending the 2019-2020 budget. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner was absent.**

**Mayor and Council discussed a possible lease purchase on property located next to City Hall at 1320 Main Street, formally the Kornegay House.**

**There was a discussion on blighted property, and junk, inoperable and abandoned vehicles.**

**The need on overlay of streets was discussed. The Mayor asked council to access and prioritize the list of streets he provided.**

**Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report.**

**There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Russo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. 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**