**Minutes – July 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, July 7, 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, and a limited number inside of the building.**

**6:00 PM – A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss the rezoning request from R6-residential to B-Business. Mayor Grogan said Mr. Robicheaux called before the meeting and pulled his request.**

**Engineer Melanie Caillouet discussed the USDA Rural Development application. There was a discussion on amending rates for water service. A customer asked how it would affect her water bill. The Mayor explained how the rate would affect her bill. There was a discussion on amending rates for sewer service. There was no public comment. There was a discussion on amending rates for gas service. There was no public comment.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop and Russo agreed. Councilmember Turner was not present at this time.**

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

**Pastor Chris Gonzales led the invocation.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence for Mr. B. L. Como.**

**Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo were present. Councilmember Turner was not present at this time.**

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

**Councilmember Turner entered the Council Room at 6:32 PM.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to dispense with the reading and approve the June 2, 2020 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to** **amend the agenda and include a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs. 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.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Russo to enter into a** **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs. The Council unanimously agreed.**

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**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt Ordinance # 2020-06A, amending rates for water service.** **A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to adopt Ordinance # 2020-06B, amending rates for sewer service.**  **A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt Ordinance # 2020-06C, amending rates for gas service. 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 Condolle to adopt a resolution to authorize the City to acquire, by Lease Purchase Agreement, an E50 R2-Series Bobcat Compact Excavator. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.**

**Mayor and Council continued discussion on acquiring the Gooch property. Councilmember Condolle made a motion not to acquire this property, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. There was a roll call vote. Councilmembers** **Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Attorney Russel Cremaldi will write a letter to Mr. Gooch to inform him of the Council’s decision.**

 **Mayor stated the City has land adjacent to the Gooch property. There are about 30 graves on City property. Something has to be done. It is also a revenue source, there is land to sell for graves. Some of the Councilmembers said there is a need for a cemetery in Patterson. City Accountant Reginald Weary stated the City needs to section off the City land so no more graves are put on it. City Clerk Angela Boyles suggested putting signs up. Engineer Melanie Caillouet suggested putting a fence around the City property.**

**Chief Grogan gave his police report for June 2020.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Russo to introduce an ordinance levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.30 Mills for the tax year 2020.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce an Ordinance levying 14 Mills for the Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues for the tax year 2020.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to enter into an Engagement Agreement with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**The rezoning request for Burney Lane and Red Cypress was withdrawn by the property owner, Mr. Robicheaux.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to approve a Resolution re-adopting a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan and section 504 grievance procedures. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to approve a Resolution re-adopting a procurement policy and citizen participation plan for LCDBG Projects. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan stated that the number of people completing the census has improved but needs more participation.**

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

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**Mayor Grogan said the dates of the COVID-19 Testing at the Patterson Fire Department has been put on hold by the State and will be rescheduled.**

**Yolanda Butler was in the audience. She lost her home in a fire and asked to be put on the August Agenda.**

**Mayor Grogan said hopefully we will be moving to Phase 3. Schools are planning to open, possibly revolving schedules for virtual and in school. They will have smaller classes and bus loads.**

**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**