**Minutes – June 2, 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, June 2, 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 of employees inside of the building.**

**6:00 PM – A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss the proposed 2020 – 2021 Operating and Capital Outlay Budget. There was no council or public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to close the public hearing. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell and Turner had not joined ZOOM at this time.**

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

**Councilmember Lee Condolle led the invocation.**

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

**Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmember Rentrop was present. Councilmembers Condolle and Russo, were present through ZOOM. Councilmembers Darnell and Turner were not present and had not joined the meeting through ZOOM.**

**Police Chief Garrett Grogan was present through ZOOM.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve the May 5, 2020 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell and Turner were absent.**

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

**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to introduce an Ordinance.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to introduce an Ordinance to** **authorize the City to acquire a Bobcat Excavator by lease purchase agreement. A roll call vote was held.** **Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell and Turner were absent.**

**There was no public comment.**

**Councilmember Turner joined the Council Meeting through ZOOM at 6:12PM.**

**Reginald Weary, City Accountant, read the Budget Adoption Resolution. Mr. Weary asked if anyone had comments or questions concerning the 2020-2021 budget. There were no comments or questions.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to Adopt the 2020 – 2021 Budget. A roll call vote was held.** **Councilmember Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the Maintenance Agreement, including mowing and litter pickup, with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Councilmember Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

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**City Engineer, Melanie Caillouet with Gulf South joined the Council meeting through Zoom at 6:14PM.**

**Councilmember Darnell joined the Council meeting through ZOOM at 6:19PM.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Patterson to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance in the implementation of a project for the purpose of reducing existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and for the other related matters in connection therewith. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt a resolution authorizing the Legal Advisor and Attorney of the City of Patterson to certify various signatures, documents and other forms and further authorizing Mayor Grogan to sign such forms on behalf of the City of Patterson for the 2020 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for Street Improvements. The Councilmembers unanimously agreed.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Turner to introduce an ordinance to authorize the city to acquire, by lease purchase agreement, an E50 R2-series bobcat compact excavator.**

**City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi, joined the Council Meeting through ZOOM at 6:33PM.**

**There was a discussion on amending current water, gas, and sewer rates by removing the flat 2% annual percentage rate increase and replacing it with the CPI escalation clauses.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to introduce an ordinance to amend rates for the water services.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce an ordinance to amend rates for sewer services.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to introduce an ordinance to amend rates for gas services.**

**Chief Grogan gave his police report. Mayor thanked Chief for his participation and working with the City and Governor amidst the Covid-19 crisis. Chief thanked the Mayor and Council for their help.**

**Mayor Grogan congratulated Hattie Span on her 90th birthday, Ogden Thomas on his birthday, and the Class of 2020.**

**Mayor Grogan stated that the number of people completing the census has increased since last week. He asked citizens to please complete the Census, and asked Council to help get the word out.**

**There is no summer recreation this year due to COVID-19.**

**Mayor said Governor Edwards declared the State of Louisiana is in Phase 2 and read what it affects in Patterson.**

**City Hall is open to the public from 8:30AM to 12:00PM, Monday through Friday due to COVID-19. The staff works to 4:00PM to answer phones and take care of daily work. On Fridays, the staff leaves at 12:00PM due to budget cuts.**

**There will be signs reading “Play at your own Risk” when the parks reopen from the COVID-19.**

**Phase 2 is State issued rules and is enforced by the State Fire Marshall. Local law enforcement can enforce churches, bars, etc. on capacity percentage, but does have not the enough police officers to do so.**

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**Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to include a resolution.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to include a** **resolution retaining the services of Providence Engineering and Design, LLC for the 2020 Asphaltic Concrete Street Improvement, and authorizing the Mayor to sign and enter into an engineering agreement. 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 Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a resolution retaining the services of Providence Engineering and Design, LLC for the 2020 Asphaltic Concrete Street Improvement, and authorizing the Mayor to sign and enter into an engineering agreement. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**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 Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.**

**Mayor Grogan sang and asked all to join in with Amazing Grace.**

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