

**Minutes – March 3, 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, March 3, 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.

6:00 PM – A PUBLIC HEARING was held to discuss an Ordinance amending by adding section 36-52 of the Code of Ordinances, restricting the posting and displaying of political signs on public property. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Reverend Steve Kelly led the invocation.

Councilmember Rentrop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present was City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi and Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering. Police Chief Garrett Grogan was not in attendance.

Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda to add Resolutions for Reverend Ronnie Couvillier, Roussel Thomas, and 100-year-old Fannie Mae Dugas Mouton, a former citizen of Patterson who now resides in Beaumont, Texas. There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to amend the agenda to add a Resolution for Reverend Ronnie Couvillier. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to add a Resolution for Roussel Thomas. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to amend the agenda to add a Resolution for 100-year-old Fannie Mae Dugas Mouton. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to dispense with the reading and approve the February 4, 2020 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

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

There was no public comment.

Alfreida Edwards announced her candidacy for the Democratic Central State Committee. The Election is April 4, 2020.

Phoebe Hoffpauir with the Bridge of Louisiana Adult and Teen Challenge announced they will be sponsoring a 5k on May 2, 2020.

Mayor and Council received reports from department heads.

Police Chief Garrett Grogan and Terry Space, City Mechanic, were not present.

Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, said the new water plant went online Friday.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton gave his department's report.

Mayor Grogan gave the police report in Chief Grogan's absence.

Steve Bierhorst, Public Works Director, stated they have been cleaning out ditches across the tracks.

Mayor Grogan stated he has received the Drainage Report from Melanie. The Council will receive a copy of the Report and it is also available to the public.

Mayor Grogan stated the Census will begin April 1st. There is signage around town to inform the citizens.

Patterson High School will hold a "Meet the Coach" public event in the parking lot of City Hall March 14th from 10:00 to 2:00.

The Fall Festival is scheduled Saturday, October 10th this year, which is Patterson's Homecoming.

Holden Murray stated tutoring is available after school for 3rd grade and up.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt an Ordinance amending by adding section 36-52 of the code of ordinances, restricting the posting and displaying of political signs on public property. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was not present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to introduce an Ordinance to lease immovable property by way of sealed public bid.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Resolution to change the spelling of the name of Clements Street to Clemons Street. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was not present.

Mayor asked Councilmembers to please get involved with getting the teeth for the law on junk and inoperable vehicles in the city right away, before passing an update July 1, 2020. Attorney, Russel Cremaldi suggested a work session for junk vehicles. Mr. Cremaldi stated we need to clean up the ordinance we have. He will send the Councilmembers sample ordinances from other cities. As a general rule we would follow the state law.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Resolution for 100-year-old Fannie Mae Dugas Mouton, a former citizen of Patterson who now resides in Beaumont, Texas. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a Resolution for Pastor Ronnie Couvillier. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Turner and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt a Resolution for Roussel Thomas. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month, seconded by Councilmember Darnell. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt a Proclamation for Community Development Week. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report.

Mayor Grogan was asked by Governor John Bel Edwards to sing the National Anthem at the opening of the 2020 Legislative Session.

Former Councilmember, Larry Mendoza, thanked Mayor Grogan for allowing him to cut the ribbon at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Water Plant.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Condolle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Turner. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Russo was absent.

Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor