

**Minutes – October 5, 2021  
Council Meeting  
City of Patterson, Louisiana**

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00PM.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

**6:00PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING – A discussion was held on an Ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor and to provide for a vehicle allowance benefit.**

There was no public comment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to close the public hearing. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Pastor Marty Harden with Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

Kim Dardeau, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo were present. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

There was a moment of silence for Councilmember Darnell's grandmother, Doris Hartman.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the September 7, 2021, Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

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

Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Russo to amend the agenda to include Joannette Merritt as a guest. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

There was no public comment.

A Patterson High School Band Booster representative asked permission to have a Can Shake October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

Guest, Teayla Johnson, was not in attendance.

Guest, Joannette Merritt had questions concerning her utility bill and water leak. Mayor Grogan explained to Ms. Merritt when a leak is on the customer's side, the water goes through the meter and registers the reading.

Councilmember Darnell entered at 6:15.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt an Ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor to \$48,000.00 and to provide for a vehicle allowance benefit of \$6,000.00 commencing on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea.

Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle to Introduce an Ordinance proposing the amendment to the City Charter by calling for a charter amendment election to supplement and amend section 3-03 of the City Charter so as to add subsection 3-03(C) thereto providing that the office of Mayor shall be a full-time position and shall hold no other paid public or private employment. THERE WAS NO SECOND MOTION, THEREFORE THE INTRODUCTION FAILED.

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance proposing the amendment to the City Charter by calling for a charter amendment election to amend section 3-03 of the Charter so as to add subsection 3-03(D) thereto providing that the attainment of a high school diploma or a general equivalent degree (GED) be made a qualification for candidacy of Mayor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance proposing the amendment to the City Charter by calling for a charter amendment election to amend subsection 4-03 (H) of the City Charter so as to provide that any increase in the salary and benefits of Chief of Police approved by the City Council shall be effective on date chosen by City Council and shall not be required to be delayed until the commencement of the next term of office of the Chief of Police.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance proposing the amendment to the City Charter by calling for a charter amendment election to amend subsection 4-03 (B) of the City Charter so as to add the attainment of Post Certification as a qualification for candidacy for Chief of Police.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt a Resolution adopting Language Access Plan for limited English proficiency persons. The Council unanimously agreed.

Mayor Grogan announced the increase in the St. Mary Tipping fees. Effective November 1, 2021, Landfill (garbage and trash), \$53.00 per ton; construction and demolition debris, \$48.00 per ton; industrial waste, \$69.50 per ton.

Mayor Grogan asked Council to utilize money from the American Rescue Plan Act for the pavilion and gazebo at Morey Park. This would promote tourism and outdoor recreation. Councilmember Darnell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. The council unanimously agreed.

Police Chief Grogan announced Night out Against Crime on October 6, 2021.

Mayor Grogan announced Trick or Trick will be observed October 30, 2021.

Allis Jennings-Salazar, with the City's Outreach department, announced that there will be a Truck or Treat October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 at the Community Center. Also, Outreach prepares Senior Lunches on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month.

Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Condolle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea.