**Minutes – September 7, 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, September 7, 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 No further bids were received.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – A discussion was held on an Ordinance authorizing the City of Patterson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the St. Mary Parish Library Board of Control granting a right of use of the old City Hall, including term, consideration, and other terms and conditions.**

**A discussion was held on an Ordinance adopting a Permit Fee Schedule.**

**A discussion was held on an Ordinance amending and reenacting Section 38-64 of the Code of Ordinances relative to due dates for payment of Water Charges.**

**A discussion was held on an Ordinance adopting Utility Fees and Public Works Service Fees.**

**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.**

**Councilmember Condolle 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.**

**Also present was Police Chief Garrett Grogan and City Attorney Russel Cremaldi**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the August 5, 2021, Minutes.** **Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop 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 Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to amend the agenda to include Teayla Johnson 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.**

**Linda Simmons with the Patterson High School Band was not in attendance.**

**Guest, Teayla Johnson, proposed starting a Community Garden Club and asked permission to use Cherry Street Park for the garden. The club would consist of children 5 and up. Mayor mentioned the Seniors helping. Ms. Beverly with the Council on Aging stated that the seniors are very knowledgeable when it comes to gardening. Mayor Grogan asked Ms. Johnson to come back in 30 days with a proposal for Council.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Johnson to adopt an Ordinance approving a permit fee schedule. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

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**Motion was made by Councilmember Russo, seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt an Ordinance amending and reenacting section 38-64 of the code of Ordinances relative to due dates for payment of water charges.** **Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Russo to amend the ordinance for the Utility fees and Public Works service fees with Exhibit A attached. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to adopt an Ordinance approving utility fees and public works service fees with the amended Exhibit A. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**The sealed Bids were opened and read. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to accept the highest bidder. Councilmembers Condolle, Johnson, Rentrop and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.**

**Councilmember Russo made a motion seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to allow the Mayor to enter a lease agreement for equipment, not to exceed $60,000.00 per year.**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to introduce an Ordinance to increase the salary of the Mayor and to provide for a vehicle allowance benefit.**

**There was discussion** **proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter to supplement and amend section 3-03 of the Charter 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 discussion proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter to supplement and amend section 3-03 of the Charter 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.**

**There was discussion on amending subsection 4-03(H) of the Home Rule Charter to provide that any increase in the salary and benefits of the 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 Chief of Police.**

**Mayor Grogan discussed lost communication throughout the Parish during Hurricane Ida. Public Works Director, Steve Bierhorst is working with Louisiana Radio Communications for methods to interact with the City’s emergency staff.**

**Allis Jennings-Salazar, with the City’s Outreach department, and volunteers served approximately 300 hot meals to evacuees at the area Civic Centers and hotels over the weekend. They also distributed bags of personal items to each evacuee. The City is still collecting donations** **for the areas affected by Hurricane Ida. Hygiene and cleaning products are especially needed.**

**Mayor Grogan stated Council will have** **a special call meeting to discuss street improvements.**

**Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering was not in attendance.**

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

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**Kim Dardeau, City Clerk Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor**