Minutes -December 6, 2022

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00 P. M.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

Mayor Rodney Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Pastor Lee Condolle from One Faith Fellowship of Patterson, LA led the invocation.

Councilmember Joe Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, Joe Russo were present. Travis Darnell absent.

City Attorney Russel Cremaldi and C. J. Franklin from Providence Engineering were in attendance. Chief Garrett Grogan and Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering was absent.

Motion made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to dispense with the reading and approve the November 1, 2022, minutes. A motion was made Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes. Councilmember Travis Darnell absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes. Councilmember Travis Darnell absent.

Mayor asked again if there were any public comments, there was none.

Guest, Kina Williams, PHS Project Graduation Representative, approved for can shake to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at corner of Catherine and First St. Project Graduation will be held on May 19, 2023, at Bayou Vista Community Center. Advised they are preparing for about 80 – 90 Seniors to attend Project Graduation. They are wanting to raise about $30,000 so that each student can walk away with a duffle bag of toiletries for college in addition to gifts such as gift cards, microwaves, iPads, printers, laptops. Project Graduation will have fun jumps plus other games for the seniors.

Beverly Domengeaux, St. Mary Council on Aging, gave annual report. Advised the council is chartered under the Olders American Act, has to acknowledge donations given to the organization to take care of the senior citizens. Ms. Domengeaux advised she has to give a break down of how the donation are being used for the senior citizens. This year 4 audits were done, proud to say they passed all audits, they spent the money wisely and correctly. Fiscal year runs from July1st through June 30th, so report is from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. The participation in the Patterson Council on Aging continues to grow and the recent census shows the population continues to grow. A few of the services received by our Patterson citizens are home delivery meals where 13,805 were delivered, they fed 4769 meals at the senior center, took out 1740 special meals for holidays. Ms. Domengeaux advised they could not do any of this without the donations, United Way, Felterman Foundation, friends, and family who give money for donations. Thank the city for the fan drive, advised it was successful. Patterson Senior Center received the Center of the Year award thanks to Ms. Pat Blanco and her crew. A round of applause was given to Mr. Reginald Weary for being a loyal member and supporter. A big thank you to Mayor Grogan was given by Ms. Domengeaux for all he does to help our city. Announced we are an agency of need, not want, it is not free service, and a donation is asked from everyone.

Motion made by Councilmember Joe Russo and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle to adopt Ordinance 2022-11, ordinance to supplement and amend Section 22-93 of the Code of Ordinances so as to provide collection of lien and privilege related to grass-cutting costs as an ordinary property tax lien. Mayor did roll call. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

Councilmember Travis Darnell absent.

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Reginald Weary ask to amend the 2022-2023 fiscal budget. Advised the outgoing council he wanted them to know what was going on and that the budget will be amended again in March and what will be fiscal budget. There has been a summary increase slightly, 5% increase due to closing out a few projects. Summary shows each area; Revenues did increase in expenses due to a couple of projects we are closing out this year. Morey Park is complete; road projects will be completed as well. Advise that chemicals are up this year. What we are projecting is on initial budget, projected a surplus of $467,239 budget, amended project as of now a projected budget of $72,000 deficit so with that is where we did not really cut anything. Final amendments in March are anything left over will be cut, it should not be this bad but that is where we are at this time. Motion made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle to amend fiscal budget 2022 – 2023. Mayor did roll call. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

Councilmember Travis Darnell absent.

Mayor Grogan recognized Councilmember Joe Russo for his dedication in serving the City of Patterson as a councilmember. Mr. Russo was presented a plague by Mayor Grogan for his 20 years as a councilmember with 2 terms as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Russo thanked the mayor, council, Chief of Police, staff, and the citizens Patterson for allowing him to represent the City of Patterson as a councilmember. Mr. Russo was giving a standing ovation.

Mayor Grogan recognized Councilmember Travis Darnell who was absent due to a school event. Mayor Grogan read plague recognizing Councilmember Darnell service to the City of Patterson as a councilmember for 8 years and 1 term as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Grogan advised that Councilmember Darnell would like to be appointed to Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Grogan recognized Councilmember Dawn Rentrop for her service to council.

Introduction of Ordinance 2022-12 to amend and reenact Appendix A – Zoning of Code of Ordinances motion with changes that were recommended by Mr. Pat Gordon at the November 1, 2022, council meeting. Recommendations include change colors of mapping to go with the National Association of Zoning, clean up language to make more understandable, entirety will be published in newspaper, public will be allowed to walk in to view map, plus map is on City of Patterson website. Motion to amend Ordinance 2022-12 was made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Joe Russo.

Mayor Grogan made apology to Ms. Teri Burnside for not having a Resolution of Respect for Mr. Jimmy Bernauer. Mr. Bernauer was the oldest in city at 98 yrs. old. Resolution of Respect will be presented for Mr. Jimmy Bernauer and Ms. Geraldine Verdun on January 3, 2023, council meeting.

Mayor Grogan thanked everyone, Terry Space and crew, Main St, city works and all other departments for the help and time put in for the Lighting of the Christmas tree. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. Mayor Grogan announced that Councilmember Joe Russo and Councilmember Travis Darnell will lead our annual Christmas parade as the Grand Marshalls. Ms. Lee Anne Dumont was chosen to be Parade Lieutenant. Ms. Dumont has never missed a weekly serving at the senior luncheons, bakes brownies weekly for every feeding, always volunteering and giving back to community.

Mr. Russel Cremaldi had no legal matters to discuss.

C. J. Franklin with Providence Engineers gave status report. Reported sewer lift stations waiting on award of funds, Barrier Construction was awarded contract in amount of $654,102.69. Agreement was sent to mayor and received back to Providence, just needs to be sent to Clerk of Court’s office to be recorded. Gas and water repairs waiting on Capital Outlay for allocation and determination.

Mayor Grogan thanked Terry Space and crew for a job well done on keeping the highway cut and cleaned. Mayor Grogan also thanks Sharon Gillum, along with Lionel for working hard to keep the water plant going. Advised the plant needs certified people to work at work plant, thanked Nigel Gillum for filling in.

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Mayor Grogan announced that on Saturday, December 31, 2023, at 10:00a.m. at the Patterson Civic Center the Inaugural Ceremony will be held, the public is invited. Reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 30, 2022, and Monday, January 2, 2023.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Joe Russo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop. The Council unanimously agreed.

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