Minutes -September 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, September 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 Ray Dewey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Damita D. Young, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo were present.

Ed Jones, Chief of Police Garret Grogan, and Melanie Caillouet from Providence Engineering were in attendance.

Motion made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop to dispense with the reading and approve August 2, 2022, minutes with any necessary corrections. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

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

Mayor Grogan asked council and the public to amend the agenda and to pass resolution for USDS recognizing the mayor as the chief executive officer to sign off on all paperwork for USDA loan and grant. Motion made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Joe Russo. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes. There were no public comments.

Mayor Grogan ask council to amend agenda to accept or decline bids for the 2022 street improvements. Motion made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey. The public was asked if they had any comments to the agenda being amended. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Grogan asked for a vote to amend the agenda. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes. There were no public comments.

Guest, Linda Simmons, PHS Band Booster president, to get approval to hold can shake on September 24, 2022, and November 12, 2022, between 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on corner of Catherine Street. Council approved can shake.

Chief Grogan spoke for Garrett Kreamer, PHS Football Coach, to allow the football team permission to hold a can shake on Saturday, October 22, 2022, on the corner of Catherine Street and First St. Council unanimously approved can shake.

Mayor Grogan spoke on behalf of Daniel Moore w/DJ Food Trailer to apply for a Peddlers, Hawkers, Itinerant Vendor license to park food trailer 1st and 3rd Sunday each month. This does not need council approval.

Adopt Resolution for auditing firm Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis & Hutchinson. Motion to adopt resolution by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Travis Darnell. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo abstained from voting, due to Alan Taylor, an auditor, being his brother in law.

Council agreed to keep Livestock Ordinance as is but will need to come before Planning & Zoning for a permit to keep large animals on property within city limits. A motion made by Councilmember Travis Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle.

A motion by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Travis Darnell to approve Mayor Grogan as Chief Executive Officer to act on behalf of the City of Patterson to sign off on all necessary paperwork regarding the USDA loan and grants applied for by the city. Mayor Grogan did a roll call. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

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Melanie Caillouet w/Providence Engineering announced the bids for the 2022 street improvements came in twice as high as projected. Bids received were as low as 1.1 million and as high as 1.4 million. Ms. Caillouet gave a breakdown of projected cost of each street, then gave bid cost of each street. The city appropriated $551, 000 plus $200, 000 from the American Recovery (Rescue) Program Act to be used for the street improvement project. Mayor recommended to council to prioritize the streets. Council may need to pledge to do two projects per year for next 4 years. Mayor also recommended to the current bids; cancel the whole project; go back to scratch; and pick two streets to go out for rebid. A motion made by Councilmember Joe Russo and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to reject all bids. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, Joe Russo voted yes.

Council made a motion to increase the salary for Chief of Police from $54,000 to $59,000. Salary excludes state supplemental pay of $6,000 and any other benefit, if any. Public hearing will be on Tuesday, October 2022 council meeting then voted upon by council. A motion was made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Joe Russo.

A motion made by Councilmember Travis Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between City of Patterson and Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs as this agreement is on an annual basis and is contingent upon the finances of the city. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

A motion made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle to discontinue maintenance at Red Cypress Park effective December 31, 2022. The park is no longer used by the city; sports has been moved to Kemper Williams Park. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop, and Joe Russo voted yes.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton advised open house on October 8, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There will be activities for the children. Truck set up with water, tour trucks, excavation tools to be demonstrated on old car, fire extinguisher demo, and more.

Chief Garret Grogan announced “Night Out Against Crime” will be October 5, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There will be food, drinks, and fun jumps.

Councilmember Dawn Rentrop announced Fall Fest on October 15, 2022.

Mayor announced its Homecoming Week for Patterson High School.

No reports for Water and Sewer Departments.

Mayor Grogan thanked Mr. Ed Jones, Magistrate for setting in for Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney.

Melanie Caillouet advise she should be able to put in request before next council meeting for rebid. With Capital Outlay funding the city will be able to change out all water meters south of the rail and all gas meters in Bayou Vista. USDA is still working on this for sewer lift stations.

Beverly Domengeaux with St. Mary Parish Council on Aging announced its senior center month, it is their 50th year anniversary. They have open house each day between the hours of 8:00 – 1:00. On Tuesday, September 20, 2022, there will be a public hearing in Franklin, this hearing is every 4 years, where the public can advise what services, the senior citizens need.

Councilmember Dawn Rentrop announced ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Morey Park.

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

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