Minutes -May 4, 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, May 3, 2022. 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 No. 2022-04A to authorize the city to enter into a Cooperative Agreement Endeavor 100 Blackmen, granting a right of use of old band room building, including term of right of use, consideration, and other terms and conditions. There was no public comment.
* A Discussion was held on an Ordinance No. 2022-04B to authorize the sale of surplus property. There was no public comment.

Councilmember Russo made motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember R. Dewey. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, and J. Russo voted yes.

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Pastor Mark Gowan from Work of Life Church of Patterson led the invocation.

Councilmember Ray Dewey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Damita D. Young, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop,

J. Russo were present.

City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, Chief of Police Garret Grogan and Melanie Caillouet from Providence Engineering were in attendance.

Motion made by Councilmember D. Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember L. Condelle to dispense with the reading and approve the April 5, 2022, minutes. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell,

R. Dewey, D. Rentrop and J. Russo voted yes.

Motion was made by Councilmember T. Darnell and seconded by Councilmember D. Rentrop to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey,

D. Rentrop and J. Russo voted yes.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda on the matter of Lease Agreement with Enterprise Rental for new vehicles. Councilmember J. Russo made a motion to amend the agenda and seconded by Councilmember R. Dewey. Reginald Weary spoke of leasing 7 vehicles which 2 would be for Police Department, 1 vehicle for Water Department, and 4 for the Utility Department. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, J. Russo voted yes. There was no public comment.

Mayor Grogan asked for public comment on any agenda items, there were no comments.

Guest, Bo Duhu, 16th Judicial District Attorney made a presentation for the proposal of a new Crime Lab that will serve the parishes of Evangeline Parish, Iberia Parish, Lafayette Parish, St. Landry Parish, St. Martin Parish, and St. Mary Parish. Agencies that consist in St. Mary Parish are St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Department, Berwick Police Department, Chitimacha Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Morgan City Police Department, Patterson Police Department. Each agency was broken down into the number of cases they had in 2019 before covid to determine the amount each agency would have to put towards this new crime lab. Patterson Police Department had 116 cases in 2019, therefore $93,443.00 would be the match amount the city would put towards the new crime lab. This new Crime Lab would be centrally located. A video was presented showing the shape the current Crime Lab is in due to age, flooding, workspace.

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Guest, Scott Hutton, Fire Chief for the City of Patterson gave fire ratings for the city. Explained since becoming Fire Chief they now have digitized maps to show where all fire hydrants are located, ladders are on utility trucks. Asked to be compensated for his time. Chief Hutton like to 2 part time employee to work no more than 15 hours per week. Fire Chief Hutton was just speaking on matter, take action next month.

Agenda item 9-1 under Unfinished Business to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-04A granting a right of use to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with 100 Blackmen, granting a right of use of the ISSP Building at the Patterson Community Center, including term of right of use, consideration, and other terms and conditions. Motion made by Councilmember D. Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember

R. Dewey. Councilmembers L. Condolle, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop and J. Russo voted yes. Abstained was Councilmember T. Darnell.

Agenda item 9-2 under Unfinished Business to adopt Ordinance No. 2022-04B authorizing the sale of the trash truck as surplus property. The sale shall be at a price no less than a minimum of $7,500.00. All bids must be received by City Clerk of the City of Patterson no later than 6:00 p.m. June 7, 2022. Motion was made by Councilmember L. Condelle and seconded by Councilmember T. Darnell. A roll call was held. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, J. Russo voted yes.

Motion by T. Darnell and seconded by J. Russo to approve Resolution to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Acadian Crime Lab to build a new crime lab. Councilmembers L. Condolle,

T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, and J. Russo voted yes.

Introduction of the 2022-2023 Budget. Motion made by Councilmember D. Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember R. Dewey.

Police Chief Grogan requested annual salary increase be rescinded at this time.

Pat Gordon w/South Central Planning & Development gave update on rezoning study. Field survey of the City of Patterson was done, also a digitized map of the city completed. There is plenty of property in Patterson available, enhancing development through zoning. A public hearing in June. Mr. Gordon advised Patterson has a lot to offer plus lots of potential in the city.

Adopted Resolution for National Community Development Week. Motion made by Councilmember

T. Darnell and seconded by Councilmember L. Condelle. Councilmembers R. Dewey, D. Rentrop and

J. Russo voted yes.

Motion made by Councilmember D. Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember J. Russo for Patterson Police Department to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Franklin Police Department to allow use of Surveillance Cameras that Patterson Police Department is no longer using at this time. The agreement states the Patterson Police Department can get cameras back at any time if needed. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, J. Russo voted yes.

Motion by Councilmember L.Condolle and seconded by Councilmember R. Dewey to adopt a Resolution declaring the results of the special election held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, in Patterson, Louisiana on amendments to the current City Charter of the City of Patterson. Councilmembers T. Darnell, D. Rentrop and J. Russo voted yes.

Approved the expansion of the historic district on Main Street from MLK Avenue to Railroad Ave. excluding the east side of Main St. from Grout St. to Railroad Ave. Motion made by Councilmember T. Darnell and seconded by Councilmember D. Rentrop. A roll call was held. Councilmembers L. Condolle, T. Darnell, R. Dewey, D. Rentrop, J. Russo voted yes.

Introduction of Livestock Ordinance for large animals, sanitation problems these animals bring, enforcement. Moved Introduction of Livestock Ordinance from floor to table so that council can look further into this matter. Motion made by Councilmember D. Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember T. Darnell. Councilmembers L. Condolle, R. Dewey, and J. Russo voted yes.

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Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report.

Mr. Russel Cremaldi advised there were no legal matters.

Holden Murray spoke of Color Run being held May 14, 2022.

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

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