Minutes -October 3, 2023

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. 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 with One Faith Fellowship led the invocation.

Councilmember Mamie Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk, called Roll. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem were present.

C. J. Franklin from Providence Engineering and Chief Garrett Grogan was in attendance. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi was absent.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden to dispense with the reading and approve the September 5, 2023, minutes. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry to accept the financial statement submission. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Rodney Grogan asked the council to amend item #3 – Resolution for the Patterson Water Treatment Plant Improvement – Phase 2. Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle motion to amend the agenda for item #3 - Resolution for the Patterson Water Treatment Plant Improvement – Phase 2 under new business and second by Councilmember Ray Dewey. Roll call was done by Mayor Grogan. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. There were no comments from the audience on amending the agenda.

Mayor Rodney Grogan asked the council to amend the agenda for the Resolution for the Patterson Water Treatment Plant Improvement – Phase 2. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach. Mayor Grogan did a roll call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Rodney Grogan asked the audience if there were any comments on items listed on the agenda. There were no public comments from the audience on any agenda items.

Robert Allain announced his candidacy for State Senate District 21.

Mayor Grogan stated that State Senator Brett Allain was supposed to be here to discuss the Bayou Bend Wellness Center membership, instead Bayou Bend came on Friday to enroll residents of Patterson. Membership price is $32.00 for area code 70392.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry on the adoption of Ordinance #2023-9, Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Acadian Ambulance, term change. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Reginald Weary advised that the workers would like vending machines in the yard. G Rentals approached the City of Patterson about putting vending machines. G Rentals would pay 10% to the city of sales. City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi will get more information to see if this has to be done by ordinance or resolution and will have answers for the November council meeting.

Reginald Weary, CFO announced Health Insurance renewals coming up on December 1, 2023, we have Blue Cross Blue Shield now with the increase going up 12.8%. The insurance we have now is a good

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policy, we are grandfathered in with the company we have now but we will ask for different options. Mayor Grogan announced that the company that handles the building and property insurance for the City of Patterson meets with us and shows how they shop around and save the city money but still have great coverage. The mayor also advised now we need our health insurance carrier to do the same, if not, it is time to move forward and move on. Mayor Grogan feels it is the health carrier that needs to set up a meeting with the city and present what they have done on behalf of the city instead of sending a letter stating the increase. Mr. Weary announced that he does have another company shopping around for health insurance options.

Reginald Weary explained the resolution is for The Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF). Through this funding program, they will forgive 49% of funding. This program is also through LITACORP who we sign with a few months back. This resolution is just for the drinking water whereas we can use some of the funding to add cutoff valves. The program has to be shovel-ready. A motion to move forward with this resolution was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan wanted to assure everyone our water is safe. He spoke with our Water Plant Supervisor, Sharon Guillum, our water is fine, and they continue to do testing on the water.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeMale Bowden to and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to accept a letter of resignation of Latoya Darnell from the Housing Authority Development Board. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to approve the recommendation of Tempest Jackson to the Housing Authority Development Board. Ms. Jackson stated her intention to become a board member. Roll call was done by Mayor Grogan. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Rodney Grogan stated this Saturday, October 7, 2023, is the Roots and Ribbon Breast Cancer Walk beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Morey Park for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Other announcements made by Mayor Grogan are Saturday, October 14, 2023, will be the Fall Festival with music, food vendors, crafts, a pumpkin decorating contest, and a 5k walk. Also on this day is Election Day plus different football games will be happening. Trunk or Treat will be held Halloween night, October 31, 2023, at the Patterson Community Center.

Chief Garrett Grogan announced that tomorrow night, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, will be Night Out Against Crime from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. They will be cooking burgers, serving snowballs, games for the kids, and giving away bikes and gift cards so please bring the kids to enjoy themselves.

Patterson Fire Chief Scott Hutton announced this Saturday, October 7, 2023, will host their open house from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be games for the kids, popcorn, jambalaya, and drinks. Something new will be giveaways for the kids, they will be doing a small kitchen burn, and a car extraction. Everything is free to the public.

C.J. Franklin with Providence stated that 60% of preliminary design plans and specifications to the city have been submitted, received minor changes, and should be 100% by the end of the month.

Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney, had no comments.

Beverly Domengeau, St. Mary Parish Council on Aging invited the mayor and council to the annual meeting on October 18, 2023, at Bayou Bend Wellness Center. A meal will be served, there will be music and prizes. Ms. Domengeau thanked the City of Patterson for everything they do.

Holden Murray announced that the lighting of the Christmas tree in Morey Park next month will be a little different, instead of all the toys, they are asking for $25.00 gift card donations that will be

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 raffled off to different age groups for the children. Mr. Murray stated on behalf of himself and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, they would like to thank everyone for downloading the app for Shop Patterson. So over 100 people are using the app for Shop Patterson. Also, all the businesses were thanked for joining Shop Patterson. Each week will be a vendor spotlight for Shop Patterson.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Council made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach. The Council unanimously agreed.

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor