Minutes -November 13, 2023

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana met in a Special Call Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Meeting Room, 1414 Main Street, Patterson. Louisiana.

Mayor Grogan called the Special Call meeting to order and read the Notice of Special Call Meeting. One item was on the agenda; taking action on appointments to the Patterson Housing Authority Commission.

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

Mayor Grogan stated that at last week’s council meeting, it was decided that we would work with the recommendation of HUD that the city would utilize Mr. Clarence Robinson with the Berwick /Morgan City Housing Authority as a mentor with the Patterson Housing Board serving as the mentee. Mayor Grogan advised that HUD recommended that an Executive Director be hired immediately.

Dora Scott to serve on the housing board as the resident and Pastor Castine – will be leaving on December 2, 2023, but she is to serve on board until she leaves, then a new commissioner will be appointed.

Mayor Grogan stated that his recommendation for the board would be on staggered tiers. You will have a commissioner to serve for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, and 5 years. The mayor stated he recommends that Ms. Gayle Williams serve for 1 year, Whitney Breaux for 2 years, Dora Scott for 3 years, Tempest Jackson for 4 years, and Pastor Castine knowing that she will be leaving to be replaced with Charles McKinley. Mayor Grogan asked the council if they had any questions or recommendations. Councilmember Mamie Perry agrees on the tiers, Councilmember DeMale Bowden, Jr. stated there needs to be balance and diversity, and needs another ethnicity. Mayor Grogan asked the Housing Authority commissioners to follow proper protocols with the open public meeting law, and the statutes, also the law states you have to be in the print media, it has to be put in the newspaper.

Mayor Grogan asked the council to allow Holden Murray to serve as an advisor for the HUD Board of Commissioners regarding statutes. It was stated to the commissioners that Mr. Murray is certified in Ethics training, you can go online to do training but it is easier to sit in a training for better understanding.

Councilmember DeMale Bowden motioned to accept the appointment of the two new commissioners, Ms. Dora Scott as the residence commissioner and Ms. Whitney Breaux as the additional commissioner as well as accepting Mayor Grogan’s recommendation that Ms. Gayle Williams to 1 year, commission elect or appoint elect Ms. Whitney Breaux will serve 2 years, Dora Scott commissioner elect will serve 3 years, Ms. Tempest Jackson will serve 4 years. Commissioner Pastor Castine will remain until she is notified on December 2, 2023, of her new assignment elsewhere as Pastor. Councilmember Mamie Perry seconded this motion. Mayor Grogan did Roll Call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach and Mayor Pro Tem all voted yes.

Once a commissioner’s term expires, they are allowed to reapply.

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

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor