Minutes -November 12, 2024

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana meeting was held on Tuesday,

November 12, 2024. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the council meeting room at 1314 Main Street.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING—Ordinance No. 2024-10, adopting Permit Fees, was discussed. There were no public comments.

Mayor Grogan asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Ray Dewey motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Councilmember DeMale Bowden, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, Councilmember Ray Dewey, Councilmember Mamie Perry, and Councilmember Miranda Weinbach voted yes.

Pastor Lee Condolle with One Faith Fellowship Christian Center led the invocation.

Chief Garret Grogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grogan asked that we observe a moment of silence for Mr. Willie B. Jones and Dr. Peter Michael Abel, M.D.

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

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

Councilmember Mamie Perry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach, to dispense with the reading and approve the October 1, 2024, minutes. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

There were no public comments.

Ronald Davis asked permission to sell package alcohol at his business, Blazin Cigars. He advised the council that he already has his license to sell tobacco, has obtained 70% signatures from surrounding residents and businesses within 300 ft of his business, and has been approved by the state. Chief Garrett Grogan advised that he had no problem with package alcohol being sold at Blazin Cigars. Councilmember Mamie Perry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden, to grant Ronald Davis, owner of Blazin Cigars, permission to sell package alcohol. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Councilmember Ray Dewey moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-10, increasing Permit Fees. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Monica Mabile updated the financials. Mrs. Mabile advised the council that she put copies of the General Fund and Utility Fund on top of their council packet. She advised they are still working on the budget; they want to ensure all the numbers are correct before remitting it. Mrs. Mabile advised that they will call a special call meeting in the next few weeks to give the council the budget so they can get this wrapped up by the end of the year. Mayor Grogan advised we need to call a Special Call meeting by November 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Grogan did ask that the budget be presented at this Special Call meeting and that the council packets be delivered by an officer to each council member by noontime on Friday, November 22, 2024. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach that a Special Call meeting be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

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Pastor Patrick Jones with the Patterson Housing Authority recommended that Ms. Gayle Williams be reappointed as a commissioner for the Housing Authority. Ms. Williams' one-year term expired, and Mr. Jones suggested that Ms. Williams go to Tier 5. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, approving Ms. Gayle Williams for commission. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan read a Resolution of Respect for Mr. Willie B. Jones. Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle moved to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan read a Resolution of Respect for Dr. Peter Michael Abel, M.D. . Councilmember Mamie Perry moved to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan announced that a Special Call Meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Another announcement by Mayor Grogan was to thank everyone who attended the Veterans Program on Monday, November 11, 2024.

Chief Garret Grogan had no comment.

Steve Bierhorst advised about a collapsed sewer manhole on Mike Dr. A contractor has been contacted to help with replacement because this is a major job. This collapsed manhole is located about 30 feet from a high-pressure gas line. The area will be shored up so that the pumps can be turned back on at Signe St. pumps.

Ronald Davis advised that they had found and repaired the gas leak on Cleveland St.

Mayor Grogan announced that we received a gas grant for the main line only.

Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, advised the mayor and council that she sent letters last week for the backflow preventer devices.

C.J. Franklin with Providence Engineering advised that two lift stations have been completed, and they are working on the third one. In December, point repairs will be made on the Sewer Lift Station rehab. The startup on the Bernard Lift Station began Monday, November 11, 2024.

Holden Murray announced that the Christmas tree lighting will be on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The Patterson Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Murray also announced that there will be a Light Up Slingshot Night Parade on December 21, 2024, starting from Patterson High School and ending at the shopping center. Lineup will begin at 4:00 p.m., and the parade rolls at 6:00 p.m. Chief Garret Grogan permitted this parade. A motion approving the Slingshot parade was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Councilmember DeMale Bowden advised the Mayor and Council that the Finance committee held a Zoom call meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024, with Monica Mabile, Account Clerk, and Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk. The meeting went very well.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember DeMale Bowden motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. The Council unanimously agreed. absent.

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk