Minutes -October 1, 2024

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

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

October 1, 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.

Mayor Grogan asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Mamie Perry motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey.

Pastor Ronnie Foret, who is with Lighthouse Community Church, led the invocation.

Councilmember Miranda Weinbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grogan asked that we have a moment of silence for Mr. Peter Voisin and Mrs. Connie Verrette Byrd.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry, to dispense with the reading and approve the September 3, 2024, minutes. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember DeMale Bowden was absent.

There were no public comments.

Michelle Gaspar with Patterson High School Project Graduation asked permission for a can shake on Saturday, November 2, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The council approved this can shake.

Variance request for Spitale Farms: There was no quorum at the Planning and Zoning meeting held on Monday, September 30, 2024.

Monica Mabile updated the financials. Mrs. Mabile advised that the General and Utility balance sheets and income statements ending on 8/31/24 were emailed to the council. The council was informed that the budget would be presented to them at the November 5, 2024, meeting for them to look over and approve. Monica stated that Alan Taylor had sent his information to the auditors, and the auditors would be here in a couple of weeks to begin the audit. The mayor then asked the council to meet with Monica and Pam to better understand the financials so they know what they will present.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to introduce Ordinance No. 2024-10 to increase permit fees. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember DeMale Bowden is absent. William Gil state the new rates are very close to other areas. Mr. Gil said there would be no permit fee charges for 60 days if someone has to have storm damage repairs; they will still need a permit but will not be charged.

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

Mayor Grogan read a Resolution of Respect for Mrs. Connie Verrette Byrd. Councilmember Ray Dewey moved to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember DeMale Bowden was absent.

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Mayor Grogan asked that we all keep the victims of Hurricane Helene in our prayers. The mayor thanked the staff, city worker crews, the Police Department, the Fire Department, and volunteers for all their hard work in getting the City of Patterson back up and running after Hurricane Francine. He advised that this community is a praying community.

Chief Grogan announced that “Night Out Against Crime” will be held on October 17, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be food, rides, games, and music, so bring the kids.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton announced that the Volunteer Fired Dept annual raffle will begin on October 12, 2024.

Sharon Gillum had no comments.

Terry Space had no comments.

Ronald Davis had no comments.

Steve Bierhorst advised that the Sewer Lift Station rehab equipment will move into the city tomorrow.

Councilmember Ray Dewey thanked Fire Chief Scott Hutton for finding oxygen for his stepfather during Hurricane Francine. Mr. Dewey said he and his family are forever grateful.

C.J. Franklin with Providence Engineering advised that the sewer lift station rehab will require extensive work over the next few months. The contractors are mobilizing this week. Mayor Grogan did suggest that there is a deadline for Capital Outlay and wanted to request Capital Outlay be used for the new fire department.

Holden Murray advised that the Witches Walk was a great success. He announced that on Friday, October 11, 2024, at 6:p.m., there will be Business After Hours to kick off the Fall Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Also, on October 12, 2024, there will be a 5K Run. This coming weekend, October 5, 2024, will be the Roots & Ribbon 5K run starting at Morey Park. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31, 2024.

Mrs. Beverly Domengieux with St. Mary Council on Aging advised that the elderly all stayed put during Hurricane Francine, only one older adult, plus thanked the mayor for keeping everyone informed. Also, the council is having its 52nd Annual Meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Franklin Sr. Center at 6:00 p.m. and wanted to invite the Mayor and council to attend. Mrs. Domengieux thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do and continue to do for the community.

Mayor Grogan stated that Teche Action Clinic will celebrate 50 years on October 12, 2024, with a reception at Bayou Bend beginning at 6:00 p.m.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ray Dewey. The Council unanimously agreed. Councilmember DeMale Bowden was absent.

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk