Minutes -September 3, 2024

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

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

September 3, 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 announced that we would now go into a Public Hearing.

* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-08, adopting Utility Fees and Public Works Service Fees – there were no public comments.
* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-08A, authorizing the City of Patterson to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Berwick for the sale of Gas—there were no public comments.
* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-08B, adopting levying General Alimony Tax for the tax year 2024 – there were no public comments.
* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2024-08C, adopting levy millage rates for Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues for the tax year 2024 – there were no public comments.

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 Matt Ledet, who is with Lighthouse Community Church, led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led in unison.

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 DeMale Bowden, to dispense with the reading and approve the August 6, 2024, minutes. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

There were no public comments.

Travis Darnell—Patterson High School Cross Country Team asked permission for a can shake on Saturday, September 21, 2024, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The council approved this can shake.

Mallory Perry, Band Director at Patterson High School, asked permission for a can shake. The school is earning money to purchase concessions to sell at football games. The can shake will be held this Saturday, September 7, 2024, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The council approved this can shake.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-08 for a rate increase for the Utility Fees and Public Works Service Fees. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Councilmember Mamie Perry moved, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-08A to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for gas sales by the City of Patterson to the Town of Berwick. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeMale Bowden and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-08B, levying the General Alimony Tax for 2024. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeMale Bowden and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-08C levying millage rates for the Public Improvement Bond for

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Waterworks Issue for the tax year 2024. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Monica Mabile gave an update on the financials. She advised that the numbers are not finished yet, so she can’t provide a July report, which she hopes to give to the council at the October meeting. Mrs. Mabile stated that Mr. Taylor is getting closer to finishing up the numbers to roll over. They thought they would have by now, but he encountered some problems. Once numbers are rolled over, reports with new numbers can be presented to the council. Mrs. Mabile stated that she and Ms. Washington met with three department supervisors to review their department finances. They will meet with each department supervisor.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle motioned to approve Wendell Theriot to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Mr. Wendell Theriot said he is very grateful and honored to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board; it is his civic duty, and he looks forward to serving.

Mamie Perry moved to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the auditors, which Miranda Weinbach seconded. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Councilmember Ray Dewey, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, moved to declare the following vehicles surplus. They will be listed with GovDeals.

* 2005 Toyota Camry – Vin #4TB332K45U508123
* 2011 Ford Crown Victoria – Vin # 2FAPB7BV0BX110420

Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A Resolution of Respect for Mr. Charles “Greer” Grogan, Sr. was read by Mayor Grogan. Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle moved to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. 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 Mrs. Jeannine G. Peterson. Councilmember Miranda Weinbach 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 read a Resolution of Respect for Mrs. Hattie Wilson Johnson Burrell. Councilmember DeMale Bowden 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 reminded everyone that Roots and Ribbons will be held at Morey Park on Saturday, October 5, 2024, and Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12, 2024.

William Gil announced that permit fees will be going up, which will be introduced at next month’s council meeting. There will be a Planning and Zoning Meeting on Monday, September 30, 2024, at City Hall, where Spitale Farms will be discussed, as per Mr. Gil. He advised that there are grants to help on roofs; he will send out more information as he receives it. To get certified in this area, Mr. Gil will attend a Flood Plan Manager class in Louisiana.

Chief Grogan had no comments.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton had no comments.

Steve Bierhorst had no comments.

Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, had no comment.

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C.J. Franklin with Providence Engineering advised that work on the pump lift stations will start on September 16, 2024. All paperwork, including all paid invoices and applications, has been sent to Jenny with the parish to get the money pulled down from the USDA so that our money can be reimbursed.

Holden Murray announced that the Community newsletter will be on the city website tomorrow. Also, on September 28, 2024, the Witches Walk will be held on Main Street. He and the Chamber of Commerce will do a full interview on this family-friendly event with KBJZ tomorrow. The Witches walk will start at Cypress Point Shopping Center, go down Main Street, and end at Morey Park, where there will be food, music, and fun in the park.

Mrs. Beverly Domengieux thanked the Mayor and Council for all they do.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mamie Perry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle. The Council unanimously agreed.

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk