Minutes -January 9, 2023

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

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

January 9, 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 Keith Tayloe with Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Garrett Grogan.

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 Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to dispense with the reading and approve the December 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 Ray Dewey 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.

There were no public comments.

Lenora Jones and Donald Triggs with/ Krewe of Amani requesting a permit for their Mardi Gras parade and block party. The parade will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, followed by a block party until 5:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to approve the permits for the Krewe of Amani parade and block party. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Tina Johnson with Patterson New Age PCO requested a Martin Luther King march permit on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. A motion by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle to approve the permit for the Martin Luther King March. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., 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 Ray Dewey to approve the Patterson Volunteer Fire Department to get a credit card. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. A letter from the members of the fire department and a copy of the Fire Department minutes were presented approving Scott Hutton, Fire Chief to get a credit card. Mr. Hutton will be responsible for this card, in his absence, Assistant Fire Chief Matt Kidder will be responsible.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry to accept Mr. Charles McKinley to the Patterson Housing Authority Board, replacing Pastor Castine who resigned. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Reginald Weary requested and presented that the budget be amended after much discussion. A motion to amend the budget was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Mr. Weary stated with the amendments.

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A motion was made by Councilmember DeMale Bowden and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem to approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. This Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is an annual questionnaire procedure that gives the auditors the right to begin the audit.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle to declare two vehicles as surplus and to be sold for scrap. One vehicle's whole dash caught fire and the other vehicle has been used for parts.

Mayor Grogan announced the Christmas Lighting winners.

A Resolution of Respect for the late Mr. Joseph Clayton Foulcard, Jr was read by Mayor Grogan. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Miranda Weinbach to pass this resolution. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Chief Grogan had no announcements.

Mayor Grogan announced that on Friday, January 26, 2024, a Nite Bicycle Fun Ride will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is being hosted by the Lower Atchafalaya Historic Cultural District Committee, Patterson Community Center Aerobics Class, and the Krewe of Amani. This is a family fun event. Coffee, cocoa, and beignets will be serviced.

Holden Murray had no announcements.

Mayor Grogan announced that tentatively on January 20, 2024, there is supposed to be a Housing Conference from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. at the Community Center where they will be doing onsite registration. This event is being hosted by Chantel Cage and her partner.

The following announcements were made by Mayor Grogan stating that the Martin Luther King program will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at New Salem Baptist Church. Mayor Grogan advised that next Tuesday and Wednesday we are supposed to have severe cold weather, please check on the elderly, wrap pipes, and if you have a break in your yard please shut off the water, if you don’t then you will have serious problems.

C.J. Franklin with Providence Engineering announced that E. B. Feucht & Sons was awarded the Sewer Lift Stations project. Mr. Franklin advised there should be a decision this month on the natural gas pipeline.

Mayor Grogan stated that Councilmembers DeMale Bowden and Ray Dewey stated they wanted to deal with Blight. The mayor then stated we needed to meet with Pat Gordon with South Central Planning about Blight.

There has been a change with LMA as per Mayor Grogan, John Gallagher has retired and LMA is now seeking a new Executive Director.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Mayor Pro Tem 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