Minutes -April 1, 2025

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana, meeting was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. 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.

Pastor Lee Condolle with One Faith Fellowship led the invocation.

Councilmember DeMale Bowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence.

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

C.J. Franklin from Providence Engineering was in attendance; Police Chief Garret Grogan and City Attorney Russel Cremaldi were absent.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lee Condolle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey, to dispense with the reading and approve the March 11, 2025, minutes. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember Mamie Perry absent.

There were no public comments.

Cornelious Gant was seeking help in getting an abandoned house torn down on Cleveland St. He stated it was a trap house, he has paid the taxes on this house for 22 years, and there is no running water or electricity there. As per Mr. Gant, this abandoned house has drug activity and trash everywhere; it’s a complete mess. Mayor Grogan advised Mr. Gant that for several years, he had told him that this was a family home and they needed to open up a succession; he also suggested that the Board of Health would have to come in to declare the house abandoned. Mayor Grogan advised Mr. Gant to contact Steve Bierhorst, the public works manager, and Chief Grogan within 10 days to file a complaint. Steve Bierhorst advised that they would get a letter out, but it would go out to the person who pays the taxes. The mayor told Mr. Gant that his brother must come before the Magistrate. Any time the brother tells the Magistrate he will try to get home cleaned and fixed up, this will extend time. Mr. Gant will meet with Steve Bierhorst first thing in the morning.

Benny Druillhet, with Umcor Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA, along with his administrative trainee, gave a little history on Umcor and the services from Patterson to Jeanerette that Umcor provides. They both spoke about the STEM and OATS programs for senior citizens, explaining the importance of technology for seniors. The technological program for older adults teaches them to use cell phones and computers. As per Mr. Druillet, some positive impacts were increased independence, reconnection with acquaintances, and meeting new friends.

Monica Mabile, Accounting Clerk, stated that she has emailed the income statements for the general and utility funds to the council. Mrs. Mabile indicated that she has started amending the old budget and working on the new budget for FY 2025-2026. Mayor Grogan stated that we met on Friday with the auditors, and there were no criminal or mismanagement of findings in the audit report; the auditors will give the report at the May council meeting.

Mayor Grogan advised that the City of Patterson has been fortunate in receiving funding from the federal government and the state to rehabilitate nine sewer lift stations. The mayor told the council that the City of Franklin had inquired about purchasing the old sewer pumps. Before anything is done, the city will need to check to see if there is a value to these old sewer pumps, so the Mayor contacted the engineers about getting a value on these pumps.

C.J. Franklin spoke about the old sewer pumps, stating they will be valuable if they work. He will need each exact make and model number to determine the value.

Mayor Eugene Foulcard spoke about possibly utilizing these sewer pumps and stated they are interested in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement once the value is presented. Mayor Grogan asked the council for a motion to proceed. Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle motioned to proceed with the old.

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Sewer pumps, and Councilmember DeMale Bowden made a second. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember Mamie Perry absent.

C.J. Franklin w/Providence Engineering stated that the contractors are back on site as of April 1, 2025. Mr. Franklin advised that we should have received Pay Request No. 8 (Lift Stations) for review and approval; City Clerk Midge Bourgeois advised that the request has been received, signed, and sent to Mr. McLean for disbursement. Also, it was stated that a webinar will be held on Friday, August 11, 2025, giving information about NEPA and Pre Award authority and the required next steps.

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

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

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

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

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

Mayor Grogan announced that a World Day of Prayers will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

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

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk