Minutes -August 5, 2025

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana, met on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the council meeting room at 1314 Main Street.

Mayor Rodney Grogan called the meeting to order.

Father Herb Bennerfield with St. Joseph Catholic Church led the invocation.

Councilmember DeMale Bowden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence in memory of the residents of Patterson who have passed away.

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

Councilmember Mamie Perry made a motion, seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden, to dispense with the reading and approve the July 1, 2025, 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 Mayor Pro Tem 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.

Dee Hymel /Christie Theriot /Lynn Klein with the Roots and Ribbons Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation dedicated to serving St. Mary Parish residents (and anyone within the 70380 postal code) who are undergoing screening and treatment for breast cancer. Permission was given to the Roots and Ribbons Foundation to host their 3rd annual “Puttin' on the Pink 5K Race/2-Mile Walk at Morey Park on Saturday, October 4, 2025, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem to grant Roots and Ribbons permission to host their 3rd Annual “Puttin' on the Pink event. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Chief Grogan approved and will have officers available for the event.

Efremzimbalist Randle, founder of EBP Community Boxing, designed a program to empower the youth of St. Mary Parish by establishing a parish-wide boxing club for youths aged 8–18 years old. This club teaches discipline, teamwork, perseverance, and builds physical strength. Mr. Randle also spoke on the Amateur Fight Night at Berwick Civic Center on Saturday, September 20, 2025. He requested the City of Patterson's support. Mr. Randle will send the Resolution to Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk for the City of Patterson, for the Mayor to sign.

Mayor Grogan provides an overview of the water meter project, mentioning the initial award of $650,000 and the subsequent challenges in securing funding. The project involves installing water and gas meters from Bayou Vista to First Street and south of the rail. Two bids were received, with Core and Main offering the lowest bid at $320,000. The council was recommended to accept this bid. Mayor Grogan explains the need to take the bid to proceed with the project and ensure that no funds are left unallocated. The council discussed the importance of completing the project and the potential for future funding to address additional needs. Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle made a motion to accept the bid from Core and Main, seconded by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach. Mayor Grogan did a roll call. DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan introduces Resolutions of Respect to honor the memory of several deceased individuals, including long-time educator Mrs. Laura LaRive and nurse Ms. Christie Mayea Bailey. According to Mayro Grogan, the contributions of the deceased individuals have a lasting impact on the community. A motion was made by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach and seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden to accept the resolutions. DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

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Steve Bierhorst stated he attended the LWRA conference. He spoke about wastewater, and there are grants available to tie in waterlines.

Virgil Walton advised that while he was at the LWRS conference, he learned that everything is moving to technology. As of now, the City of Patterson uses maps, whereas another town/city has started using GIS. He also stated how bills are being collected and how the state can step in to regulate how the bills are collected, which will become a state law.

Sharon Gillum advised that the state is raising some standards, and new changes are coming. She advised at the conference that it was announced that money is available, but you have to meet the guidelines. As for the city’s water, the state has tested it, and there are no problems; all is good.

Chief Grogan had no comments.

Mayor Grogan advised acquainting yourself with all the new laws and upcoming changes.

Terry Space had no comments.

Scott Hutton, Fire Chief, advised that on October 4, 2025, they will host their annual Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to bring the kids.

Mayor Grogan advised that Halloween falls on Friday, October 31, 2025, which coincides with a night of football games. He is waiting to see what the parish does. Once he finds out, he will announce the city's plans.

Tesh Melancon with Providence Engineering stated that Change Order #8 was submitted to the city for approval a few weeks ago. FP&C approved their 75% funding for this change order. Work has begun on the Gail Street lift station, and the Leo St. lift station is in the final stage of completion.

Beverly Domengeaux thanked everyone for their generous donations and expressed her sincere appreciation to all.

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

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk