Minutes -July 1, 2025

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana, met on Tuesday, July 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.

6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD:

* A Public Hearing was held to discuss the following:
* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2025-05, adopting levying of a General Alimony Tax of 8.10 mills for the tax year 2025 – NO PUBLIC COMMENT
* Discussion on Ordinance No. 2025- 05A, adopting a levying millage rate of 9.2 mills for Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues for the tax year 2025 – NO PUBLIC COMMENT
* Discussion on Amending the FY 2024 - 2025 Budget – NO PUBLIC COMMENT
* Discussion on Amending the FY 2025 – 2026 Budget – NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember DeMale Bowden made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Rodney Grogan called the meeting to order.

Bro. Marty Harden with Bethel Pentecostal Fellowship led the invocation.

Councilmember Miranda Weinbach 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 Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle, to dispense with the reading and approve the June 3, 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 Councilmember Miranda Weinbach to accept the financial statement submission. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Grogan asked if there was anyone in the audience who would like to speak on any item listed on the agenda. Mr. J. Ina, with 100 Blackmen wanted, inquired about Ordinance 2025-07 to Amend Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, granting 100 Blackmen of St. Mary the Right of Use of the Old Band Building. Mr. Ina's concern was the rent going from $400.00 per month to $750.00 per month. He stated that 100 Black Men has invested around $15,000 in improvements to the building. Mr. Ina advised the mayor and council that their organization offers the STEM program for free, and they are a nonprofit organization. Mayor Grogan noted that the lease had expired and was up for renewal. Following this, the unit malfunctioned, and the cost to replace it was $5,500. The city has to compensate for this bill; if the unit had not gone out, then the rent would not have gone up. We, the city, leased the building, and the maintenance is on the tenants. Councilmember DeMale Bowden asked who bears the expense at the end of the lease? He asked if we have a month-to-month lease. Mayor Grogan advised that this is the first time the city has been dealing with stuff like this. Mayor Grogan stated that if the council wishes to exempt it, the decision is theirs. This is why it is on the table. As Mayor, he can’t make that decision to exempt. Once it was stated that we needed to recoup the money for the new unit, Ed Jones referred us to J. Ina, as per Mayor Grogan. Councilmember Ray Dewey asked Mr. Ina if all repairs were done by private contractors or people within the organization. Mr. Ina advised that a member of the organization did the repairs. Councilmember Dewey explained that if they had an air conditioning repair person in the organization, he could not repair it. Councilmember Dewey asked that they table the matter until a further meeting. Mayor Grogan asked, moving forward, who is the spokesperson for the organization? Mr. J. Ina advised that he is the spokesperson.

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Guest:

Cub Scout Troop 242 was presented with the Community Spotlight Award for distributing bags of food and household supplies to the community. The Cub Scouts Pack and Troop 242 partnered with “It takes a Village: St. Mary Parish,” a nonprofit organization, to hold this event.

Gabby / Kaylie, representing the Patterson High School cheerleaders, requested a can shake on Saturday, July 19, 2025, between 8:00 a.m. and noon. A motion was made by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry to approve this can shake. 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 Lee Condolle to approve Ordinance #2025-06, which leases the old Police Station to Davis Family Mortuary. Councilmembers Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. Councilmember DeMale Bowden recused himself from this vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden to adopt the Morgan City Daily Review as the Official Municipal Journal as required by the state. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Introduction of Ordinance 2025-07 to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement granting 100 Blackmen of St. Mary the right of use of the old band building was tabled by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle. Mayor Grogan called the roll. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted in favor of tabling Ordinance 2025-07.

Introduction of Ordinance 2025-07A authorizing the lease of the Old City Hall building to Acadian Ambulance was tabled by Councilmember DeMale Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. Mayor Grogan called the roll. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted in favor of tabling Ordinance 2025-07A.

A motion was made by Councilmember DeMale Bowden and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry to accept the Resolutions of Respect for the following:

* Mr. Odgen Underwood Thomas, Sr.
* Mrs. Evelyn Rockenbaugh Guion Estay
* Rose Mary “Mrs. Bae Bae” Johnson Jones King
* Mr. Raymond John Verret, Sr.

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

Chief Garrett Grogan had no comment.

Steve Bierhorst had no comment.

Virgil Walton had no comment.

Councilmember DeMale Bowden stated the concern about the water smelling like sewer south of the rail in Patterson. Mr. Bowden advised that he and Councilmember Ray Dewey have been in contact with Sharon Gillum, Water Plant supervisor, who advised that water samples are being tested daily and the water is safe to drink. Councilmember Bowden stated that he pulled an article, which indicated that Patterson is not the only one experiencing water issues; others are having the same problems. The article further stated that this issue affects anyone who receives water from Bayou Teche. It was noted that the Corps of Engineers has the gates closed, so fresh water is not flowing down the bayou.

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C. J. Franklin with Providence Engineering reported on the Sewer Lift Station Rehab. Mr. Franklin advised that they are on the final steps on Leo St and that Gail St. is next, then they will be getting the final punch list on the project. He went on to state that a Request order #7 was sent to all parties, and they now have Request #9. Mr. Franklin stated that he spoke to Debra McKinney with USDA and that we should be getting the revised letter by the end of next week. The old sewer pumps are so old that they have no value.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember DeMale Bowden motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry. The Council unanimously agreed.

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor

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Midge Bourgeois, City Clerk