Minutes -June 3, 2025

Council Meeting

City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana, met on Tuesday, June 3, 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.

Pastor Lee Condolle with One Faith Fellowship led the invocation.

Councilmember Mamie Perry 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.

Mayor Rodney Grogan requested that the agenda be amended to introduce Ordinance #2025-06, authorizing the city to lease the old police building located at 1308 Main St. Councilmember Mamie Perry made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey. There were no public comments regarding amending the agenda to introduce Ordinance #2025-06. Mayor Grogan did roll call. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry, to dispense with the reading and approve the May 6, 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.

There were no public comments.

Guest:

Tyler Sanders with Equality Home Buyer, LLC, was a no-show.

Shanika Dewey, Ranisa Washington, and Kina Williams are asking for permission to host a Patterson High School Alumni Picnic on September 27, 2025. This event will be held at the A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

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Trent Davis with Davis Family Mortuary spoke with the Mayor and Council about leasing the old Police Building to set up an office for meeting with families to make arrangements for their deceased loved ones. There will be no embalming at the building. By law, it must accommodate 30 people; there are specific requirements that must be met. No funerals will be held at this building; Davis Family Mortuary will rent the Community Center for a repass. The lease will be for three years, with a monthly rent of $500.00. A motion was made by Councilmember Mamie Perry and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-05, levying the General Alimony Tax of 8.10 mills for the tax year 2025. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. A Public Hearing will be held on July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember DeMale Bowden to adopt Ordinance No. 2025- 05A levying a millage rate of 9.2 mills for Public Improvement Bond for Waterworks Issues for the tax year 2025. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Miranda Weinbach and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to amend the 2024-2025 Budget.

Monica Mabile, Accounting Clerk, advised that a budget workshop was held on May 19, 2025. She advised that she went through to ensure that all salaries were in the correct departments, worked on depreciation costs, and they did decrease. Ms. Mabile will now calculate depreciation every month, rather than waiting until the end of the year. Additionally, she stated that she corrected the payroll taxes. Regarding the community center, the budget was prepared for a six-month period, starting July 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025. At the end of the year, they will reevaluate the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mayor Grogan stated that the budget workshop went very well and that the council will need to meet for a Special Call meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, to adopt the budget. Mayor Grogan requested that they hold another budget workshop next week to finalize a few items before the budget adoption on June 12, 2025. Councilmember DeMale Bowden stated that he feels they do not need another budget workshop for the items he was inquiring about, as they have been included in the budget.

Sandra Turner, Community Center board member, asked about the 6-month budget for the center. Councilmember Ray Dewey explained to Mrs. Turner that they had met in February with the board at the Community Center to discuss generating revenue for the Center, but since then, nothing has happened. Mrs. Turner went on to say that they had prepared a budget, but again, Councilmember Dewey said nothing had happened to bring in revenue to the Community Center. Councilmember Ray Dewey asked about the purpose of the Community Center. Mayor Grogan stated that Carl Butler initiated programs, partnering with organizations such as Walmart, and had items donated for these initiatives. Mayor Grogan went on to state that programs change; you need to meet the needs of kids, see what they are interested in. Parents do not want to pay for programs; people would rather support another community and say what Patterson doesn’t have. It was stated that the gym at the Community Center was open today for basketball, but only four children showed up. Mayor Grogan stated, 'You need to breathe life back into the programs. We need volunteers, we need servants, and we need people to give.' Mrs. Turner agreed they need to breathe life back into the Community Center. She went on to state that she is drafting a letter to send to all the residents in this area. Slade Sanders, Main Street Chairman, offered to help the Community Center in any way he can.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Mamie Perry to accept the discussion on the FY 2025-2026 Budget. Councilmembers DeMale Bowden, Jr., Ray Dewey, Mamie Perry, Miranda Weinbach, and Mayor Pro Tem Lee Condolle voted yes. A Special Call meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the FY 2025–2026 Budget.

Mayor Grogan commended Virgil Walton for taking his department and making some cuts and adjustments. He has been working with Councilmembers Miranda Weinbach and Ray Dewey, along with Monica Mabile, Accounting Clerk, on these changes. Additionally, the mayor went on to commend Andrew Bienvieu, Billing Clerk, for identifying 10 million gallons of water loss that had not been accounted for since 2013. This error will be corrected ASAP!

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Sharon Gillum, Water Plant Supervisor, provided an update on new chemical prices and stated that the seals are holding up reasonably well.

Terry Space – no comments.

Scott Hutton, Fire Chief, stated they are checking fire hydrants.

Steve Bierhorst advised that the new pumps are working well.

Chief Grogan wanted to commend his Police Department because the City of Patterson was listed 4th in the state as the safest city in Louisiana.

William Gil, from Planning & Zoning, inquired about having someone write a procedure for inspectors. Mayor Grogan stated to Mr. Gil that he has the City Ordinance in his hand, so when he goes to a resident and/or business, that is when he needs to get the police department involved for violations. Chief Garret Grogan advised Mr. Gil that if there is a violation and you see that person is in violation, then contact the Police Department. An officer will be dispatched to the location of the violation. The officer will issue a citation, and the person in violation will need to appear before a magistrate.

Mayor Grogan congratulated Mrs. Beverly Domengeaux for being honored twice, once for being named Citizen of the Year by the Helping Hearts Foundation and again as an EBP Community Champion Recipient.

With no further business before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mamie Perry 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