

Minutes – March 1, 2011

7:00 P.M. – Public Hearing – An Ordinance approving the defeasance of all of the outstanding maturities of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, dated November 1, 2002 of the City of Patterson, State of Louisiana.

Mayor Grogan opened the public hearing for discussion. No comments were made from the Public or the Council. Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Russo to close the public hearing. The Council unanimously agreed.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Rodney A. Grogan presided over the meeting.

**Councilmembers present: L. Mendoza, J. Rentrop, J. Russo, III, C. Sawyer, S. Turner
Councilmembers absent: None**

Also present was Russel Cremaldi, City Attorney and Phillip Parker from GSE.

Pastor Harden led the Invocation

Mayor Grogan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Ned Stephens, Mrs. Ruthie Accardo and Mrs. Irma Cutrera.

Troop #242 led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve the minutes as written. The Council unanimously agreed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt an Ordinance approving the defeasance of all of the outstanding maturities of the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002, dated November 1, 2002 of the City of Patterson, State of Louisiana.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer and Turner

Voting nay: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt a Resolution for the Sale of a Surplus Fire Truck.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer and Turner

Voting nay: None

An announcement and or discussion were held on a Special Election set for April 30, 2011. This election is for the continuance of a millage for bonds that would be able to help pay for the new waterworks plant. This is not an increase in taxes.

District judging for the Cleanest City Contest will be March 29th and 30th, 2011. Mayor Grogan stated that the Patterson Garden Club is spearheading the initiative for the clean-up. The Mayor chose the weekend of March 12 and 13 as “My Community, My Neighborhood” cleanup.

A discussion was held on a possible pit-bull ordinance. Councilmember Mendoza wishes to modify the current ordinance instead of creating a pit-bull ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to introduce an Ordinance regulating Pit-Bulls in the City of Patterson, Louisiana.

Item #6 was tabled.

Mayor Grogan presented and read three (3) Resolutions in memory of Mr. Ned Stephens, Mrs. Ruth “Ruthie” Accardo and Mrs. Irma “JoJo” Cutrera.

Motion was made by Councilmember J. Rentrop, seconded by C. Sawyer on Resolution for Mrs. Irma Cutrera. Motion was made by Councilmember S. Turner, seconded by L. Mendoza on Resolution for Mrs. Ruth Accardo. Motion was made by Councilmember Russo, seconded by L. Mendoza on Resolution for Mr. Ned Stephens.

Voting yeas on all three (3) Resolutions: L. Mendoza, J. Rentrop, J. Russo, C. Sawyer, S. Turner

Voting nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Mayor Grogan presented a key to the City to the Council on Aging Mardi Gras Royalty, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Verrett.

Mayor Grogan presented a key to the City to Mrs. Ellen Bedell Triggs recognizing her 100th Birthday.

Samantha Napoli, 2010 Cypress Sawmill Queen invited the Mayor and Council to the Queen’s luncheon on March 19, 2011. Also invited everyone to attend the Festival April 1-3, 2011. David Bourdier requested placing festival awards in City Hall. A motion was made by Councilmember L. Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember J. Russo to donate \$1,000 to the Festival for advertisements.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer, Turner

Voting nay: None

Mayor Grogan recommended appointments to the Patterson Housing Authority Board of Directors. Persons appointed are as follows: Keith Grimball, Veronica Johnson, Deniesee Robertson, Percy Jones and Keita Allen. Motion was made by Councilmember L. Mendoza, seconded by J. Rentrop to accept the appointments as recommended.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer, Turner

Voting nay: None

Mayor Grogan recommended appointments to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Persons appointed are as follows: Tim McCann, C.C. Stewart, Allen Williams, Gulley Taylor and Hilliard Smith, Jr... Motion was made by Councilmember L. Mendoza, seconded by J. Rentrop to accept the appointments as recommended.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer, Turner

Voting nay: None

Jeff LaGrange was appointed as Street Assessment Chairperson, Mary Grim Howard was also appointed to serve with Mr. LaGrange. The Mayor is asking for 3 persons from each precinct to serve on this committee. There are five (5) precincts in the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Turner to adopt a Resolution re-implementing the Summer Recreation Program which would include tutoring, and a Chairperson.

Voting yes: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer, Turner

Voting nay: None

Item #15 was tabled.

A request from Recreation District #4 was made for a Scoreboard. Parish Councilman Steve Bierhorst was in attendance at the meeting and stated that the Parish would buy the Scoreboard.

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Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Turner to expand the agenda.

Voting yeas: Mendoza, Rentrop, Russo, Sawyer and Turner

Voting nay: None

A can shake permit was granted to American Legion #242 for March 26, 2011 at the corner of Catherine and Main Street.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adjourn the meeting. The Council unanimously agreed.

/s/

Pamela Washington, City Clerk

/s/

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor