

Minutes – August 2, 2011

7:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Re-Subdivision of William Gil property behind 220 Enterprise Ave.

A neighboring church wants to buy a subdivided portion of the property that would not have access to a public street. This portion of property would be adjacent to a portion of property that the church already owns that does not have access to a public street and the lot lines could be redrawn and the subdivided property included as a portion of that lot. The Planning Commission recommended to the City Council that the subdivision request be granted with the provision that the lot lines be changed so the subdivided property is included as a part of the churches property that does have access to a public street.

No opposition or comments from the public or council was made.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer 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, August 2, 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 Clay Breaux from GSE.

Mayor Rodney A. Grogan led the Invocation.

Councilmember J. Rentrop 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 Russo, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to expand the agenda. There was no opposition from the Public or the Council. The Motion was put to a roll call vote.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer to adopt a Resolution. This Resolution is for Flood Control Structures which request the U. S. Corps of Engineers support, permit and construct a permanent flood control structure on Bayou Chene to provide backwater flood protection from flood events of the Mississippi River and Atchafalaya River as part of the Corps responsibility under the MR & T Program.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Turner to Introduce an Ordinance levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.29 Mills for the year 2011 on all property situated in the City of Patterson subjected to taxation therein, and authorizing extension by the Assessor of St. Mary.

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

Voting nay: None

Mayor Grogan explained the reason for not levying the usual 12.41 Mills for a Public Improvement Tax. The voters approved the continuance of this tax in an April 30, 2011 election. The City has not issued bonds for the renovation and expansion of the Water Plant. He stated that the City hope to sell the bonds by the end of the year and impose the millage in 2012. The Mayor stated that this savings to the citizens at this time is good for the financial circumstances we're now in.

Motion was made by Councilmember Sawyer, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza to Introduce an Ordinance for 2011-2012 Operating Budgets.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Introduce an Ordinance for 2011-2012 Capital Outlay Budget.

Executive Director Beverly Domangeaux from the St. Mary Council on Aging request the annual funding from the City of \$3,500. The Council unanimously agreed to increase the appropriation to \$5,000. Mayor Grogan explained that decreases from the Federal Government has affected many programs and the Council on Aging was included.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to approve the increase in appropriation as stated.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a Delta Regional Authority Grant.

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

Voting nay: None

Rep. Sam Jones updated the Mayor and Council on the U. S. 90 projects. He stated that the Red Cypress Road interchange should enter the design phase by the end of the year and will be the next one funded along U. S. 90. He also stated that he has requested aid in the placement of a light at the crossing of Lipari Street and U.S. 90 due to School Bus Drivers complaining to the City the trouble they are having crossing the highway and the railroad tracks in the area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Sawyer to grant the subdivision request of Mr. William Gil on property behind 220 Enterprise for the sale of a portion of property to a church with the provisions as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

Voting nay: None

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

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Pamela Washington, City Clerk

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor