

**Minutes – September 6, 2011**

**7:00 PM – Public Hearings – Ordinance #2011-08 levying a General Alimony Tax of 8.29 Mills for the year 2011 of all property situated in the City of Patterson, Louisiana, subjected to taxation therein, and authorizing extension by the Assessor of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.**

**An Ordinance adopting 2011-2012 Capital Outlay Budget**

**An Ordinance adopting 2011-2012 Operating Budgets**

**Mayor Grogan read each Ordinance. No comments or opposition was made by the Public or the City Council. 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, September 6, 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**

**Pastor W. House led the Invocation**

**Councilmember 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 Sawyer, seconded by Councilmember Turner 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**

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

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

**Voting nay: None**

**Absent and not voting: None**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Adopt 2011-2012 Capital Outlay Budget which includes the following:**

**Police Dept. – Vehicles & Equipment Upgrade 210,000**

**Admin Dept – Computer Equipment 5,000**

**Gas & Water Dept. Equipment 10,000**

**Total Capital Outlay 225,000**

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

**Voting nay: None**

**Absent and not voting: None**

**Motion was made by Councilmember Sawyer, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to Adopt 2011-2012 Operating Budgets which includes the following:**

**Total Operating Revenues \$ 6,649,569**

**Total Operating Expenditures 6,198,645**

**Operating Income (loss) 450,924**

**Other financing sources (uses)**

**Operating transfers in 1,190,200**

**Operating transfers out (1,190,200)**

Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other  
Sources over expenditures and other uses 450,924

Fund Balance, beginning 16,464,079  
Fund Balance, ending \$16,915,003

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

Voting nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Dr. Donald Aguillard, St. Mary Parish Superintendent of Schools presented a Resolution to be adopted supporting the Tax Renewal proposition. This is a renewal for 10 years of an 11.18 mills tax. Election for renewal is October 22, 2011.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mendoza, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt the Resolution in support of the renewal of a tax mill of 11.18.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to adopt the Annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in conjunction with the City's Fiscal Year Annual Audit.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent and not voting: None

Mayor Grogan informed Council members and Citizens that First Call has been activated for Patterson residents in response to communication problems. Residents must input their current information with First Call to be contacted in case of an emergency. The Service is provided through the Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness, so there is no cost for the City to utilize it.

Mayor Grogan informed the Council that a meeting will be scheduled and held in the near future to discuss the need for a red light on U. S. 90, in response to requests from school bus drivers who have trouble crossing the highway in the vicinity of Lipari Street. The State Department of Transportation will be assessing the need for the light in the area.

Mayor Grogan stated that City Hall has been receiving complaints about residents with bees. The City has an Ordinance governing beekeeping and the requirements that must be adhered to. The Mayor requested the City Attorney to notify those residents informing them of the City's Ordinance.

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