

**Minutes – May 5, 2020
Council Meeting
City of Patterson, Louisiana**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the council meeting took place by internet or mobile technology teleconferencing. Due to social distancing and gathering restrictions, the public could participate in the meeting through the City of Patterson Facebook page, Patterson Louisiana. Viewers could post their questions in the comment section while the meeting was being streamed live. City Hall was only permitting Mayor, Council, Police Chief, and a limited number of employees inside of the building.

6:00 PM – A PUBLIC HEARING was not held due to Covid-19, we will resume the discussion of the Ordinance to Lease Immovable Property by Way of Sealed Public Bid at a later date.

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Councilmember Lee Condolle led the invocation.

Councilmember Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmember Rentrop was present. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Russo, and Turner were present through ZOOM.

Police Chief Garrett Grogan was present through ZOOM. Mr. Russel Cremaldi was not present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Russo to dispense with the reading and approve the March 3, 2020 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea.

There was no public comment.

There were no guest due to Covid-19.

Chief Garrett thanked Council for allowing him to get items needed during the pandemic. Mayor and Council thanked Chief for controlling the Curfew.

There was no unfinished business that was discussed at the meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to Amend the 2019 – 2020 Budget. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Condolle, Darnell, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. Councilmember Turner lost sound and was not able to vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to introduce the 2020 – 2021 Budget.

Due to Revenue, Mayor Grogan stated that the City will have to cut hours. The City Hall is closed at 12:00 to the public every day, while dealing with COVID-19 until further notice. The staff will stay to answer phone and do daily work. Starting Friday, May 15th, City hall will close at 12:00 with all staff leaving. This will cut four hours every Friday, in all departments, except the police department and water plant.

On May 15, 2020, all city workers will be mandated to wear a mask while dealing with the public.

Mayor reminded the citizens to complete the Census either by mail or online.

The City will not have a summer camp this year. There is only one person employed at the Community Center at this time.

Mayor Grogan asked Council to look over the Street overlay proposal. He will get with council about what streets to overlay.

Mayor announced that the City received an \$800,000.00 Block Grant for streets, with the assistance of Jim Firmin's office.

Councilmember Turner entered the Council Room at 6:32PM, she had technical computer problems.

Mayor Grogan thanked Parish President, David Hangriff; Coroner, Dr. Melancon; Governor John Bel Edwards; OHSEP Director, David Naquin; and all others for the help during this pandemic.

St. Mary Parish will have a 50 COVID-19 test, first come first serve, on Friday, May 8th, at Patterson Junior High School. OHSEP Director, Mr. Naquin said they will come back every other week as long as necessary.

Councilmember Condolle thanked the Mayor for keeping the community informed.

Louisiana Municipal Association has cancelled this year's convention.

City of Patterson's Main Street Committee received \$89,906.00 for the Morey Park's trail.

Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering was not present.

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

Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor