

**Minutes – February 2, 2021
Council Meeting
City of Patterson, Louisiana**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00PM.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

Due to COVID-19, there was a 25% capacity, social distancing and a mask had to be worn.

6:00PM

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Pastor Mo Seneca of Lighthouse Community Church led the invocation.

Councilmember Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present was Police Chief Garrett Grogan; City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, Fire Chief Scott Hutton, and City Engineer Melanie Caillouet.

Motion was made by Councilmember Russo and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to dispense with the reading and approve the January 5, 2021 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

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

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Russo made a motion to amend the agenda to include supporting the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area's bid for re-authorization, seconded by Councilmember Condolle. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

There was no public comment.

Scott Hutton and C. C. Stewart asked Council to hold a Boot Shake on March 6th from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon. Council and Police Chief Garret Grogan were in agreement with the can shake.

There was no unfinished business.

Mayor Grogan introduced William Gil as our acting Chief Building Official. Mr. Gil informed Council of the progress he has made so far and to let them know citizens can now apply for building permits online.

Mr. William Gil explained to Council what a flag lot is. There is a citizen that needs a flag lot and Mr. Gil is asking for the Council to approve the flag lot that was introduced. Russel Cremaldi discussed flag lots after Mr. Gil. This citizen will have to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Cremaldi will prepare a universal ordinance for flag lots. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop to table the ordinance so Council could study and research flag lots, seconded by Councilmember Russo. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

Mr. Cremaldi prepared 2 Ordinances for the Cemeteries. After discussion, the Mayor and Council asked Mr. Cremaldi to have one Ordinance for both Cemeteries. City Attorney also stated that in this ordinance he will put the City Clerk as person in charge of the cemetery, but this can be changed.

After discussion from Council, Councilmember Russo made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop to increase the current salary of Chief Garrett Grogan for the new term in year January 2023, if he is reelected. The salary amount would be from \$62,000.00 - \$65,000.00. This amount will be decided on by the council and take effect January 1, 2023. A roll call vote was held. Councilmember Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

Council will be working on options for an incoming Chief of Police, whether certified with or without experience, or not certified.

Mayor Grogan read the Christmas Lighting Award winners and thanked all who participated.

Human Resource Director, Holden Murray, announced that the City is having a Senior Citizen Feeding on Wednesday, February 10th at noon. The City is also having a Mardi Gras Bike/Run on February 20, 2021.

Melanie Caillouet gave the engineering report from Providence Engineering.

Eric Stewart was sworn into the Planning and Zoning Commission by City Attorney, Russel Cremaldi.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, Councilmember Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Rentrop. Councilmember Condolle, Rentrop, Russo and Turner voted yea. Councilmember Darnell was absent.

Angela Shilling-Boyles, City Clerk

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor