

Minutes -August 3, 2022
Council Meeting
City of Patterson, Louisiana

The Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Louisiana was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00 P. M.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

Mayor Rodney Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Pastor Emeritus Randy Plessala from Lighthouse Community Church of Berwick, LA led the invocation.

Councilmember Ray Dewey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Damita D. Young, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop were present. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

City Attorney Russel Cremaldi, Chief of Police Garret Grogan and Melanie Caillouet from Providence Engineering were in attendance.

Motion made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to dispense with the reading and approve July 5, 2022, minutes. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey to accept the submission of the financial statement. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

Mayor Grogan asked for public comment on any agenda items, there were no comments.

Charles "Gabe" Percle spoke on behalf of Dawn Percle, to get approval of a medical benefit bike run to be held September 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Motion by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Travis Darnell for approval of bike run. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

Community Spotlight Recognition award given to Franklin 12U World Series Baseball Team and the two Patterson players, Glenn Rochel, and Trey Richardson for they will be representing Louisiana at the World Series in North Carolina. Motion by Councilmember Ray Dewey and seconded by Councilmember Lee Condolle for a donation to the two players representing Patterson. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

Alan Taylor said he has been auditor for the City of Patterson for many years, having recently switch accounting firm and now employed with Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis & Hutchinson LLC. Gave brief talk on the firm and on engagement letter. Mr. Taylor ask council to consider the approval of engagement letter to continue his relationship with the city as auditor with new firm, Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis & Hutchinson LLC.

Chief Garret Grogan advised no reports.

Steve Bierhorst advised no reports.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton advised no reports

Councilmember Dawn Rentrop said that the bathrooms will be finished this week at Morey Park. It was announced we will be getting a third grant to have park finished in next couple of years.

Mayor Grogan announced that the City of Patterson tied with the City of Franklin for LMA Community Achievement award, faith base program led by Allis Salazar that feeds the senior citizens. Mayor Grogan announced other events that will be happening this upcoming weekend.

Kim Guarisco and Kelly Jennings with billing dept explained gas rate increases for the past 3 years, also explained the CPI (Consumer Price Index) for water and sewer. The CPI rate is 8.2%. Ms. Guarisco explained how she and her assistant, Kelly Jennings, figures out the formula for the increase on customer bills.

Motion made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop to approve engagement letter from Wright, Moore, DeHart, Dupuis, & Hutchinson LLC. Roll call by Mayor Grogan. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Travis Darnell, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Joe Russo absent.

Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report. First bid advertisement will be in newspaper tomorrow, August 3, 2022, for 2022 street improvements. Pre bid conference here at City Hall on August 23, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. with bid opening at City Hall on September 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. This will allow at September council meeting to have recommendation of award for city to decide if to move forward. Working on water and gas meter project proposals given to Steve Bierhorst, should be able to put in request before next council meeting. With Capital Outlay funding the city will be able to change out all water meters south of the rail and all gas meters in Bayou Vista. USDA is still working on this for sewer lift stations.

Mr. Russel Cremaldi advised there were no legal matters.

Allise Salazar spoke about the City of Patterson receiving LMA's Community Achievement Award. She thanked everyone, mentioned we are a city, everyone who contributed to this award, the volunteers, donors, police department, everyone had a part in this vision. A round of applause was given.

Mayor Grogan advised September council meeting will be on September 6, 2022, day after holiday.

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

Damita D. Young, City Clerk

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor