

Minutes -October 4, 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, October 4, 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 Steve Kelly from Bayou Vista Baptist Church led the invocation.

Mayor Rodney Grogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Damita D. Young, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop were present. Councilmember Travis Darnell and Councilmember Joe Russo were 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 Lee Condolle to dispense with the reading and approve September 6, 2022, minutes. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Travis Darnell and Councilmember Joe Russo were absent.

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

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

Guest, Diane Wiltz, Franklin Merchant's Association representative, spoke on the upcoming Franklin's Harvest Moon Festival, which is being held on Saturday, October 29, 2022. Ms. Wiltz advised the Chamber of Commerce will give a kickoff party on Thursday evening, October 27, 2022. Friday night, October 28, 2022, there will be an adult costume. Saturday will be live music, food, craft vendors, Sugar showdown bake off, cornhole tournament, pampered pooch parade, 5k fun run, car show, pony rides, trail and hayrides, pumpkin patch, scarecrow decorating contest, wooden boat plus lots more fun.

Mayor Grogan notified the council and public of a glitch of introduction of ordinance not being ran three times in newspaper on salary increase for the Chief of Police. A salary increase for the Chief of Police was introduced. The council made a motion to increase the salary for Chief of Police from \$54,000 to \$59,000. Salary excludes state supplemental pay of \$6,000 and any other benefit, if any. A public hearing will be on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, council as well as adopting ordinance. A motion was made by Councilmember Lee Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey.

Mayor Grogan advised of glitch of introduction of livestock ordinance not being ran three times in newspaper. The livestock ordinance was to supplement Section 6-18 of the Code of Ordinances so as to add Subsection 6-18 (b) to require Planning Commission recommendation and council approval regarding livestock. However, those who would want large animals or small animals such as pigs for school projects will need to go before Planning and Zoning first for approval then come before the mayor and council. The period will be no more than one year. A motion was made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Ray Dewey.

Pat Gordon, South Central Planning and Development gave an update on the rezoning project. Went over recommendation on ordinances, what is in red will be taken out, recommend zoning classifications be changed to a more recent hierarchy. Planning and Zoning omitted the prohibited uses where zones

clearly identify permanent uses, if you have permanent uses in each one of the zoning classifications  
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there is no need to talk about what is prohibited for you have already said what is permanent and it leaves a door open for some use that is not identified as zone ordinance. Mr. Gordon stated they have found it is better to have permanent uses and just take out prohibited uses, this will be up to the Planning and Zoning Commission of Patterson. Recommend changing the colors on map for classification such as manufacturing, overlay historic district, boundaries of city, once completed then digitize entire map, print several hard copies, download on city website, can then go to accessor office, and put into a digitized version put into their GIS map. Once the city is ready to move forward with this, Mr. Gordon will bring it to the Planning & Zoning division, make a presentation, if everyone is on the same page, then we can go through the legal process of public hearings and so forth.

Ed Smith, Acadian Ambulance representative, has occupied the old police station for several years. The roof needs to be changed, the cost is high, wants to stay in Patterson. Old City Hall was offered as an option for lease, looking for about 800 to 1000 sq ft. Just will need a 1 room for rest area, 1 room for doing paperwork, restroom, kitchenette plus parking for 4 vehicles. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement will need to be done like the last one, then adopted by the council by way of ordinance describing portion of building in lease agreement with provisions. Will need to take care of this by December 31, 2022.

Reginald Weary spoke on health insurance increase. On December 1, 2022, health insurance will increase by 14.2%, across the board for all employees with a \$20.00 copay. The city pays 75% of insurance and employees pay 25% of insurance. Also, property and casualty insurance has gone up, Gallagher Insurance was in the office and gave update on all our insurance, better coverage.

Melanie Caillouet, Providence Engineers spoke on she and council members went with repackage Shady Grove and Bridge Rd as a base bid with Jake St. being alternate. These will be only streets in this project. The base bid estimated at around \$600,00 and the alternate, Jake St. around \$119,000 with total estimate of \$719,000. Ms. Caillouet asked for authorization to go to advertisement with repackage for they are required to advertise for 25 days. Sealed bids will be opened the morning of November 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. and bids be brought before the council that night to be awarded. A motion was made by Councilmember Dawn Rentrop and seconded by Ray Dewey. Mayor Grogan did roll. Councilmembers Lee Condolle, Ray Dewey, Dawn Rentrop voted yes. Councilmember Travis Darnell and Councilmember Joe Russo were absent.

Chief Garret Grogan announced Night Out Against Crime, tomorrow night, October 5, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Will have food, fun jumps, other games and meet the police officers.

Mayor Grogan announced Beautification Day being held Saturday, October 8, 2022. Time is from 10:00 a.m. - noon. Asking all the school, auxiliaries, organizations to participate in the clean up of the City of Patterson for the Fall Festival. On Thursday, October 6, 2022, the Patterson Community Center is hosting Business After Hours to kick off the Fall Festival from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Scott Hutton announced that they are hosting an Open House, Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be games, food, drinks, vehicle extrication and a live burn. Kids will be able to try on real firefighting gear, spray the fire hose, learn about how and why tools are used.

Councilmember Dawn Rentrop announce Fall Festival is happening on Saturday, October 8, 2022. There will be live music, craft vendors, food vendors. Fall festival kicks off at 10:00 a.m., music begins at noon.

Mayor Grogan announced received letters from Mr. Danny Felterman and also the Felterman Foundation commending the water department and Terry Space correcting the leak and restoring the land back to its original state. Also, Sharon Gilliam emailed the major leak by Patterson Nursing Care has been found and they are repairing leak now.

Steve Bierhorst advised starting an emergency system and should be completed by this Friday, October 7, 2022.

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Mayor commended Terry Space and crew on job well done on keeping the highway looking great.

Mayor read letter from City Clerk Damita Young her formal resignation from the City of Patterson due to health reasons. Ms. Young will stay on through November 1, 2022

Mayor Grogan announced Halloween will be on Monday October 31, 2022. City of Patterson will be hosting Trunk or Treat at the Patterson Community Center on Monday, October 31, 2022, at 6:00p.m.

Melanie Caillouet, Providence Engineers gave report.

Ms. Beverly Domengeaux announced that the St. Mary Parish Council on Aging invited everyone to their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting on October 19, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Patterson Civic Center. Will be serving a great meal. The theme will be “My way became our way.”

Mayor Grogan announced that October is Domestic Violence month and Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Mr. Russel Cremaldi advised there were no legal matters.

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

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Damita D. Young, City Clerk

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Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor