

**Minutes -January 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, January 4, 2022. The meeting was held at 1314 Main Street in the Council meeting room at 6:00PM.

Mayor Rodney Grogan presided over the meeting.

6:00PM

PUBLIC HEARING – A discussion was held on an Ordinance to authorize the City to ratify, maintain and amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and Acadian Ambulance for lease of old police station so as to add a fixed term and to provide for certain repairs. There was no public comment. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to close the public hearing. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea.

Mayor Grogan called the Council Meeting to order.

Rev. Mo Seneca led the invocation.

Councilmember Rentrop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Dardeau, City Clerk, called roll. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo were present.

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

Motion was made by Councilmember Condolle and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to dispense with the reading and approve the December 7, 2021 Minutes. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Russo, and Rentrop voted yea.

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

Mayor Grogan asked to amend the agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Darnell and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to amend the agenda to include replacing Mr. Frank Guarisco on the Patterson Lower Atchafalaya Culturally District/Main Street Committee. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea. There was no public comment on amending the agenda.

There was no public comment on Agenda items.

Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Russo to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the City to ratify, maintain and amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City and Acadian Ambulance Service, Inc., for lease of the old police station, so as to add a fixed term of two years commencing January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2023, and to provide for certain repairs. The term thereafter shall be on a month-to-month basis with either party having the right to terminate the lease by giving the other party 90 days written notice. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea.

A discussion was held on the Introduction of an Ordinance adopting the annual increase in rates for water service. A motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to amend the ordinance for the CPI-U and remove previous year and change the wording to as of January 1 of the applicable present year on each category. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea.

There was no public comment on the amending this ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Condolle to Introduce the Ordinance as amended on adopting the annual increase in rates for water services. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea.

Michael Ford, Pastor of New Jerusalem Church and co-owner of Barney and Baby Bobs on the Corner of Hickory and Martin Luther King, addressed Mayor and Council to request a speed limit reduction of 15 mph between the hours of 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. between Willow and Plum Street to Martin Luther King. Mayor Grogan, Council and Chief Garrett Grogan were all in favor of the reduction of speed limit to 15 MPH and signage will be put up.

Mayor Grogan recommended appointing Slade Sanders as a committee member to the Patterson Lower Atchafalaya Cultural District/Main Street Committee to replace Mr. Frank Guarisco. Motion was made by Councilmember Rentrop and seconded by Councilmember Darnell to appoint Slade Sanders, as recommended by Mayor Grogan, to the Patterson Lower Atchafalaya Cultural District/Main Street Committee. A roll call vote was held. Councilmembers Condolle, Darnell, Johnson, Rentrop, and Russo voted yea.

Melanie Caillouet with Providence Engineering gave the engineering report.

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

Kim Dardeau, City Clerk

Rodney A. Grogan, Mayor