

**City of Harahan  
6437 Jefferson Highway  
Mayor and Harahan City Council  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 14, 2022**

**Time: 7:00 P.M.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the hearing at 7:00 pm.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present: Councilman Jason Asbill, Councilman Tommy Budde, Councilman Eric Chatelain, Councilman Craig Johnston, Councilman Carrie Wheeler, Mayor Tim Baudier, Police Chief Tim Walker, Finance Director Todd Tournillon, City Attorney Scott Stansbury, Municipal Clerk Carrie Heustis**

**Absent: Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add Proposed Ordinance 2022-6 for first reading.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/AGENDA AMENDED**

**Councilman Johnston made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business No. 3 - Civil Service Police Representative Appointment.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/AGENDA AMENDED**

**Mayor Baudier gave his monthly report from March 18, 2022 through April 14, 2022**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1**

**1. Chief Walker - Current State of the Harahan Police Department.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 17, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to dispense with the reading of the minutes.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on March 17, 2022.  
Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Budde to approve the minutes.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Reading of the Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Meeting on March 9, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to dispense with the reading of the minutes.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Meeting on March 9, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to approve the minutes.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-1**

**The following Resolution was proposed by Councilman Chatelain.**

**A Resolution of the Harahan City Council authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with No Limits Play, Inc for the benefit of erecting a new playset on city property.**

**As the sponsor of this resolution, Councilman Chatelain would like to withdraw this resolution.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN**

#### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 2**

**The following resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.**

**A resolution of the City Council of the City of Harahan adopting the 2021 Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**  
**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-3**

**The following resolution was offered by Councilman Asbill.**  
**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Harahan authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Stranded South LLC to host Harahan Music Festival at Zeringue Park.**  
**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**  
**Serge Villanova – President of Stranded South Music spoke.**  
**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

- 1. Jason Asbill**
  - 2. Eric Chatelain**
- Councilman Chatelain made a motion to remove Paragraph 2.0 Payment \$2500.00, seconded by Councilman Johnston.**
- 3. Jason Asbill**
  - 4. Tommy Budde**
  - 5. Craig Johnston**
  - 6. Carrie Wheeler**

**Councilman Asbill asked for the original amendment to be withdrawn.**  
**Councilman Chatelain withdrew the amendment.**  
**Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Paragraph 2.0 Payment to remove the following, “CITY agrees to contribute \$2500.00 for event expenses and”**  
**Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**  
**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**  
**No one spoke.**  
**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**  
**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**MOTION PASSES/ RESOLUTION AMENDED**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to adopt as amended with one amendment.**  
**Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**  
**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**  
**No one spoke.**  
**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**  
**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4**

**The following resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.**  
**A resolution adopting the 2022 millage rate(s). Total tax is 21.93mils.**  
**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**  
**No one spoke.**  
**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**  
**Council Discussion**  
**1. Tommy Budde**  
**Motion by Councilman Wheeler to call for the vote to adopt, seconded by Councilman Asbill**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5**

**The following resolution was offered by Councilman Asbill.**

**A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Jason Asbill**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.**

**Motion was seconded by Wheeler.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**RESOLUTION DEFFERED**

**ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Fire Department Vehicle Capital Expense)**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**Motion was seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ORDINANCE DEFFERED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-2**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

**An Ordinance approving the re-zoning of Lot 1, Schiro Park Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, as per a plan made by Mandle Surveying, Inc., dated July 14, 1986.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Jason Asbill**

**2. Tommy Budde**

**3. Eric Chatelain**

**4. Tommy Budde**

**Danny McKearan came up to answer council questions.**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to call for the vote.**

**Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE APPROVED**

**Jason Asbill asked for a point of personal privilege to recognize Treasurer John Schroder and Senator Kirk Talbot and allow them to speak.**

**Senator Kirk Talbot spoke.**

**Treasurer John Schroder spoke.**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Asbill.**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Fletcher Field Renovation)**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Eric Chatelain**

**2. Tommy Budde**

**3. Mayor Baudier**

**4. Eric Chatelain**

**5. Mayor Baudier**

**6. Eric Chatelain**

**7. Mayor Baudier**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion for approval.**

**Motion seconded by Councilman Chatelain**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE APPROVED**

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 4**

**An Ordinance approving the Conditional Resubdivison Plat of Lot A-2B-1B, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana into Lot A-2B-1C, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, and Lots 24 through 27, Colonial Place, Phase 1, all pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated February 11, 2022.**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (City Vehicle)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-7**

**An ordinance providing for the levy within the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, of a 0.8% sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said City and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the City on March 26, 2022.**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6**

**An ordinance approving the Final re-subdivision Plat of Lot A-2B-1C, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated March 18, 2022.**

**OLD BUSINESS #1**

**1. Board of Adjustment dismissal and appointments.**

**No nominations at this time.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**Eric Chatelain spoke.**

**Tommy Budde spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**APPOINTMENT DEFERRED**

**OLD BUSINESS #2**

**2. Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.**

**Councilman Budde made a motion to nominate Dale Valez for the Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.**

**Motion seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/NOMINATION ACCEPTED**

**NEW BUSINESS #1**

**1. Todd Tournillon, Finance Director – monthly financials with budget to actual comparisons. Mr. Tournillon presented the City’s financials for the month of February.**

**NEW BUSINESS #2**

**2. William Lark respectfully requests permission that Bourg Street, between Elaine and Ravan, be blocked starting Friday May 6, 2022 at 4:00PM until Saturday May 7, 2022 at 11:00PM, due to the St. Rita Fall Festival. He will notify neighbors that may be affected during this closure.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**2. Carrie Wheeler**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: Wheeler**

**MOTION PASSES/PERMISSION GRANTED**

**NEW BUSINESS #3**

**Police Representative Civil Service Appointment.**

**Letter from Police Chief Walker reads; Please be advised of the results of the recent election for the employee representative to the Civil Service Board. Sergeant David Darwin was one of three nominees and won the election held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Jason Asbill**

**Chief Walker answered Council Questions.**

**2. Carrie Wheeler**

**3. Jason Asbill**

**Motion by Councilman Wheeler seconded by Councilman Chatelain for a 5 minute recess to research and discuss.**

**RECESS GRANTED**

**Recess started 8:00PM**

**Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 8:06PM**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.**

**Motion Seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Wheeler**

**NAYS: Budde, Johnston**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**APPOINTMENT DEFERRED**

**ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**1) Maurizio Francescon**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Secretary's report for March, 2022**

**Total revenues \$505,502.00**

**REPORTS**

**Police Chief Walker spoke.**

**Chief St. Cyr – Absent**

**Councilman Asbill spoke.**

**Councilman Budde spoke.**

**Councilman Chatelain spoke.**

**Councilman Johnston spoke.**

**Councilman Wheeler spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**PAY BILLS**

**Bill's paid in March 2022**

**Total expenditures \$682,288.99**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Councilman Budde and seconded by Councilman Asbill to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM**

**Mayor Baudier called for the vote; the vote was as follows:**

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/MEETING ADJOURNED**

**A. The following matter involving pending litigation may be considered**

**(Court, Case Number, Parties):**

- 1. Wood Materials LLC, Wood Resources LLC v. City of Harahan, 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, Case 761-783, Div. "K"**
- 2. Michael Wright v. City of Harahan, et al, US District Court, Civil Action No. 19-13529, Sect. F (5)**
- 3. Mary Eler v. City of Harahan and Veolia Corp and ABC Ins. Co., 24<sup>th</sup> JDC, Case 757-888, Div. "F"**
- 4. Ronald Lightell v. Harahan Police Dept. and City of Harahan, Civil Action No. 20-cv-672**

**B. The following matter involving prospective litigation for which formal written demand has been made may be considered.**

**C. The following matters involving discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of:**

**Name:**

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Carrie Heustis, City Clerk**