

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

Date: December 15, 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 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: Councilman Jason Asbill, Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr

Mayor Baudier presented a plaque to Craig Johnston and Carrie Wheeler recognizing and thanking them for 8 years of service with the City of Harahan.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Special Presentation #1

Chief Walker - Current State of the Harahan Police Department.

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #2 a request for a private party from Byron Virgadamo.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

AGENDA AMENDED

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to amend the agenda to add Serge Villanova as Special Presentation #2.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

AGENDA AMENDED

Special Presentation #2

Serge Villanova – 3rd Annual Harahan Music Festival and Food Drive.

Tentative Date of Saturday, May 27, 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 10, 2022.

Motion 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.
Seconded by Councilman Johnston.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Asbill
MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 10, 2022.
Motion by Councilman Johnston to approve the minutes.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.
Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Asbill
MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 28, 2022.
Motion 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.
Seconded by Councilman Johnston.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Asbill
MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on November 28, 2022.
Motion by Councilman Johnston to approve the minutes.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.
Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Asbill
MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

NONE

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20
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. (Fitness Court)
Motion by Councilman Johnston to defer this.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to add New Business #3 - Call for a special meeting on Tuesday December 20, 2022, at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

AGENDA AMENDED

Councilman Johnston made a motion to take up New Business #3 now.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

AGENDA AMENDED

New Business #3

Call for a special meeting on Tuesday December 20, 2022, at 6PM to honor Councilman Asbill's request to defer all ordinances except for one to the special meeting.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

AGENDA AMENDED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-24

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance adopting the following policies for the City of Harahan, Louisiana as recommended by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. (Bank Reconciliations, Budgeting, Card, Contracting, Debt Service, Ethics, Payroll, Purchasing-Disbursements, Sexual Harassment, & Travel Expense Reimbursement)

Motion by Councilman Johnston to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022 at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An ordinance providing that the Harahan Municipal Code be supplemented to fix the amount of compensation of the Elected Public Officials of the City of Harahan as required by L.R.S. 33:404.1.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022, at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-29

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance authorizing the City of Harahan to use \$327,250.00 of ARPA funds to rehabilitate Lift Station 8.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to approve.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE APPROVED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance providing that the Harahan Municipal Code be supplemented to fix the amount of compensation of the Municipal Officer of the City of Harahan as required by L.R.S. 33:381A.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022 at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-32

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022, at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-33

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance adopting the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2023, for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022, at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-34

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances Section 14-164 "Work Not Requiring a Building Permit" relative to building permit for sidewalks.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this ordinance to the special meeting on December 20, 2022 at 6PM.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business #1

1. Board of Adjustment dismissal and appointments.

No recommendations.

Councilman Johnston made a motion to defer to the next regular council meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

APPOINTMENT DEFERRED

NEW BUSINESS

New Business #1

1. Todd Tournillon, Finance Director – monthly financials with budget to actual comparisons.

New Business #2

2. Letter from Bryon Virgadamo who resides at 726 Randolph Ave. He is requesting a motion to be added to the city council agenda granting permission to host and perform the following: A private party located in Royland Park which will be leased out through the city on the date of 12/31/2022. A DJ to play from the hours of 5:00PM-7:30PM, a live band to perform from the hours of 7:30PM-11:30PM. Will obtain a police detail.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Carrie Wheeler

3. Eric Chatelain

4. Tommy Budde

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve subject to them obtaining 2 police details.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No one addressed the council.

Mayor Baudier would like to recognize Lieutenant Adam Peterson Coast Guard 8th District.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for November 2022

Total revenues \$785,041.00

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker spoke and gave the monthly statistics.

Chief St. Cyr - absent

Councilman Asbill - absent

Councilman Budde spoke.

Councilman Chatelain spoke.

Councilman Johnston spoke.

Councilman Wheeler spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

PAY BILLS

Bills paid in November, 2022

Total expenditures \$1,566,597.22

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Asbill

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, 24th 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 Erler v. City of Harahan and Veolia Corp and ABC Ins. Co., 24th 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*

Carrie Heustis, City Clerk

(Electronically Signed)