

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

Date: December 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Baudier opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The Council of the City of Harahan was unable to operate due to quorum requirement in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19 and will be meeting via videoconference.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Asbill, Councilman Budde, Councilman Chatelain (joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.), Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Mayor Baudier, Police Chief Walker, Fire Chief St. Cyr (joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m.), Finance Director Todd Tournillon, City Attorney Scott Stansbury and City Clerk Nicole Lee

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Budde to add Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-29 to Ordinances for Introduction. An ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances by the addition of Article IX-False Alarms, Sections 58-90 through 58-99 to Chapter 58-Nuisances to declare repeated false fire and/or emergency alarms nuisances and to set penalties for repeated false alarms.

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, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chatelain

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Edward A. Holmberg, III - Proclamation**
- 2. Chief Walker – Current State of the Harahan Police Department.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 15, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chatelain

MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 15, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve the minutes.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Chatelain
MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

Reading of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board on November 4, 2020.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.
Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Johnston to dispense with reading of the minutes.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Chatelain
MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board on November 4, 2020.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.
Motion by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Budde to approve the minutes.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Chatelain
MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

RESOLUTIONS

No Resolutions.

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Asbill:
PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 16 (Deferred 10/15/2020)
An Ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances by the addition of Article IV- Electronic Enforcement to Chapter 50- Motor Vehicles.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
1. Judy Johnson
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.
COUNCIL DISCUSSION:
1. Johnston
2. Budde
3. Wheeler
4. Chatelain
Mayor Baudier commented on ordinance.
Motion by Councilman Budde to defer the ordinance.
Motion fails for lack of second.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:
YEAS: None
NAYS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE FAILS

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Wheeler:
PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 24
An ordinance implementing a hiring freeze for Harahan Police Department of the City of Harahan, in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:423.2.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to defer the ordinance.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE DEFERRED

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 25

An Ordinance approving the Preliminary Resubdivision Plat of Lot A-2B-1, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana into Lot A-2B-1A, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, and Lots 9 through 14, Colonial Place, Phase 1, all pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated September 24, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

1. Justin Schmidt

2. Judy Johnson

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to grant Justin Schmidt 3 more minutes to speak.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Justin Schmidt spoke.

3. Maurizio Francescon

4. Susan Benton

5. Dane Doucet

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Asbill

2. Chatelain

3. Budde

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to defer the ordinance.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE DEFERRED

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Wheeler:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 26

An Ordinance approving the Preliminary Resubdivision Plat of Lot A-2B-1A, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana and the creation of private streets, drainage, sewer, utility and other servitudes into Lots 1-34, Colonial Place, Phase 2, Ducote Lane and McKearan Avenue (private streets), Colonial Place, Phase 2 and Lot A-2B-1B Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation, all pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated October 1, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

1. Danny McKearan

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to grant Danny McKearan 3 more minutes to speak.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Johnston questioned Danny McKearan.

2. Justin Schmidt

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to grant Justin Schmidt 3 more minutes to speak.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. Judy Johnson

4. Dane Doucet

5. Susan Benton

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Chatelain

2. Asbill

3. Budde

4. Johnston

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

YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Budde

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE ADOPTED

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 27 (*This Proposed Ordinance will not be voted on until the December 28, 2020 Special City Council Meeting.*)

An Ordinance adopting the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Wheeler

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to defer the ordinance.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE DEFERRED

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 28

An Ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances by the addition of Article II- Fire Watch & Standby Details, Sections 34-10 through 34-16 to Chapter 34- Fire Prevention and Protection to set policies for Fire Watch and associated pay rates and fees for fire watch service.

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 29

An Ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances by the addition of Article IX-False Alarms, Sections 58-90 through 58-99 to Chapter 58- Nuisances to declare repeated false fire and/or emergency alarms nuisances and to set penalties for repeated false alarms.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Removal and temporary appointment of City Magistrate.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to defer.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

NEW BUSINESS

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

Todd Tournillon gave budget update.

2. Approving the appointment of Ms. Carrie Heustis as the Civil Service Board Secretary.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Asbill to approve Civil Service Board Secretary.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. Ms. Judy Roman, on behalf of St. Rita respectfully requests the City to provide barricades and/or a Police escort as they proceed around the block for a Procession scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2021 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Asbill

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

1. Judy Johnson

2. Dane Doucet

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for October, 2020

Total revenue \$390,157.00

Secretary's report for November, 2020

Total revenue \$

November, 2020 Secretary's Report total will be on the January 21, 2021 council meeting agenda.

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker – no stats

**Fire Chief St. Cyr
Councilman Asbill
Councilman Budde
Councilman Chatelain
Councilman Johnston
Councilman Wheeler
Mayor Baudier**

PAY BILLS

**Bill's paid in October, 2020
Total expenditures \$646,682.20**

**Bill's paid in November, 2020
Total expenditures \$
November, 2020 Pay Bills total will be on the January 21, 2021 council meeting
agenda.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
No Executive Session.**

**ADJOURN
Motion by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Johnston to adjourn the
meeting at 9:01 p.m.
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, 24th JDC,
Case 761-783, Div. "K"**
 - 2. Gulf Coast Underground v. City of Harahan, 24th JDC, Docket No. 801282,
Div. "J"**
 - 3. Michael Wright v. City of Harahan, et al, US District Court, Civil Action No.
19-13529, Sect. F(5)**
 - 4. Mary Erler v. City of Harahan and Veolia Corp and ABC Ins. Co., 24th JDC,
Case 757-888, Div. "F"**
 - 5. Ronald Lightell v. Harahan Police Dept. and City of Harahan, Civil Action
No. 20-cv-672**
 - 6. Brandon J. Venegas v. Harahan Police Dept. and City of Harahan, 24th JDC,
Case 802-181, Div. "K"**
- 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: Nicole Lee
Nicole Lee, City Clerk**