

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

Date: December 20, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Baudier opened the hearing at 6:00 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, Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr, Finance Director Todd Tournillon, Municipal Clerk Carrie Heustis

Absent: Police Chief Tim Walker, City Attorney Scott Stansbury

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)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion.

1. Jason Asbill

2. Tommy Budde

3. Jason Asbill

4. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

5. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

6. Eric Chatelain

7. Jason Asbill

8. Eric Chatelain

9. Jason Asbill

10. Tommy Budde

11. Eric Chatelain

Mayor Baudier spoke.

12. Jason Asbill

13. Tommy Budde

14. Eric Chatelain

15. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

16. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

Motion by Councilman Asbill to change this funding from Capital to ARPA.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Johnston,

NAYS: Chatelain, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Motion by Councilman Asbill to defer this.
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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ORDINANCE DEFFERED

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)
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

- 1. Jason Asbill**
- 2. Tommy Budde**
- 3. Jason Asbill**

Todd Tournillon spoke and answered council questions.

- 4. Tommy Budde**
- 5. Jason Asbill**
- 6. Tommy Budde**

Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.
Seconded by Councilman Johnston.
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. 2022-28

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.
Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.
No one spoke.
Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion.

- 1. Tommy Budde**
- 2. Jason Asbill**
- 3. Craig Johnston**
- 4. Carrie Wheeler**

Councilman Johnston made a motion to increase the council pay from the proposed \$13,680.00 to \$15,500.00

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: Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: Bude
ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: Asbill
ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Budde then made a motion to delete Section 2 Item B.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

YEAS: Budde,

NAYS: Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: Asbill

AMENDMENT FAILS

Councilman Johnston made a motion to delete 20% from Section 1 because is not 20% for all with the first amendment.

Seconded by Councilman Asbill.

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

ABSTENTION: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to call for the vote.

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 as amended, the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Budde

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: 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.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Carrie Wheeler

2. Tommy Budde

3. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend to the ordinance to \$60,000 per year.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Budde

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Motion by Councilman Asbill to move as amended.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Budde

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

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.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

No Council Discussion

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

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.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Carrie Wheeler

3. Tommy Budde

4. Carrie Wheeler

5. Eric Chatelain

6. Carrie Wheeler

7. Tommy Budde

8. Carrie Wheeler

9. Tommy Budde

10. Carrie Wheeler

11. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to amend Line 70, Column M, General Fund, Real Estate/Gen Alim Taxes to increase the line from \$850,000.00 to \$910,000.00.

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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the 2023 Budget to reflect the increases from Proposed Ordinances 2022-28 & 2022-31 passed earlier regarding salary increases not to exceed \$60,000.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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 AMENDED

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Line 691, Column M, Fire Sales Tax Fund, Transfers Out to Capital and Line 794 Column M, Capital Fund, Transfers In from Fire Sales Tax Fund, to increase both lines from \$43,954.00 to \$418,954.00.

3. Eric Chatelain

4. Jason Asbill

5. Tommy Budde

6. Jason Asbill

Todd St Cyr spoke.

7. Tommy Budde

8. Jason Asbill

9. Tommy Budde

10. Jason Asbill

Todd St Cyr spoke.

11. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

12. Jason Asbill

13. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

14. Tommy Budde

15. Eric Chatelain

16. Tommy Budde

Todd Tournillon spoke.

17. Eric Chatelain

Todd Tournillon spoke.

18. Eric Chatelain

Todd St Cyr spoke.

Todd Tournillon spoke.

19. Tommy Budde

20. Carrie Wheeler

21. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

22. Eric Chatelain

23. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

24. Carrie Wheeler

Todd St Cyr spoke.

25. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

26. Tommy Budde

Todd Tournillon spoke.

Todd St Cyr spoke.

27. Carrie Wheeler

Todd St Cyr spoke.

28. Carrie Wheeler

Todd St Cyr spoke.

29. Carrie Wheeler

30. Jason Asbill

31. Eric Chatelain

32. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

33. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

34. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

35. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

36. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

37. Jason Asbill

38. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill moved for the vote.

39. Tommy Budde

40. Craig Johnston

Todd St Cyr spoke.

41. Eric Chatelain

Todd St Cyr spoke.

42. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

43. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

44. Tommy Budde

Todd St Cyr spoke.

45. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill moved for the vote.

46. Tommy Budde

Councilman Asbill moved for the vote.

47. Tommy Budde

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Line 691, Column M, Fire Sales Tax Fund, Transfers Out to Capital and Line 794 Column M, Capital Fund, Transfers in from Fire Sales Tax Fund, to increase both lines from \$43,954.00 to \$418,954.00.

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, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Budde

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Line 690, Column M, Fire Sales Tax Fund, Transfers Out to General Fund, to increase the line from \$706,046.00 to \$717,171.00 to account for the difference in the first finance payment on the new truck.

1. Jason Asbill

Todd St Cyr spoke.

Councilman Asbill said upon approval this would also increase Line 291, Column M, General Fund, Transfer in from Fire Sales Tax Fund from \$706,046.00 to \$717,171.00.

This would also increase Line 329, Column M, General Fund, Capital Lease-Principal from \$54,629.00 to \$65,753.00.

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, Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Discussion

- 1. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 2. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 3. Tommy Budde**
- 4. Eric Chatelain**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 5. Jason Asbill**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 6. Jason Asbill**
- 7. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 8. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 9. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 10. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 11. Tommy Budde**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 12. Eric Chatelain**
Todd St Cyr spoke.
- 13. Eric Chatelain**
Todd St Cyr spoke.

Councilman Budde made a motion to eliminate one fireman from the 2023 Budget which would make the following reductions in the General Fund line items...

- Line 332, Column M, Salaries, \$24,100.00**
- Line 335, Column M, Scheduled Overtime Pay, \$10,222**
- Line 337, Column M, Holiday Pay, \$3024.00**
- Line 341, Column M, FICA Match, \$2688.00**
- Line 343, Column M, Medicare Match, \$628.00**
- Line 340, Column M, Fire Retirement Match, \$14,629.00**
- Line 344, Column M, Workmen's Comp Match, \$2443.00**
- Line 339, Column M, Group Hospitalization, \$8171.00**
- Line 342, Column M, Life Insurance Match, \$84.00**

With an offsetting reduction in Transfer in from the Sales Tax Fund.

- Todd St Cyr spoke.**
- 14. Eric Chatelain**
- 15. Tommy Budde**
- 16. Eric Chatelain**
- 17. Tommy Budde**
- 18. Eric Chatelain**
- 19. Tommy Budde**

Councilman Asbill moved to call for the vote.

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

- YEAS: Budde**
- NAYS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**
- ABSENT: None**
- AMENDMENT FAILS**

Councilman Asbill made a motion to increase Line 720, Column M, ARPA Revenue to \$300,000.00 with a corresponding increase in Line 724, Column M, ARPA Expenses to \$300,000.00 for the Dixie Youth Baseball Field.

Council Discussion

- 1. Tommy Budde**
- 2. Jason Asbill**
Seconded by Councilman Johnston

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

3. Tommy Budde

4. Jason Asbill

5. Tommy Budde

6. Eric Chatelain

7. Jason Asbill

8. Tommy Budde

9. Jason Asbill

10. Tommy Budde

11. Jason Asbill

12. Eric Chatelain

13. Tommy Budde

14. Eric Chatelain

15. Tommy Budde

Councilman Asbill made a motion to move with his amendments.

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, Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the budget to add the Mayor's Statement to the beginning.

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, Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to move with the Budget as amended.

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, Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE PASSES

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.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Eric Chatelain

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 PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No one addressed the council.

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker - absent

Chief St. Cyr spoke.

Councilman Asbill spoke.

Councilman Budde spoke.

Councilman Chatelain spoke.

Councilman Johnston spoke.

Councilman Wheeler spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:37PM

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. 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)**