

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

Date: February 17, 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 Johnston made a motion to amend the agenda under Special Presentations to add and make #1 Chantel Koerner & Tina Hunter, with the Harahan Farmer's Market and to move Chief Walker to #2.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion was 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

MOTION PASSES/AGENDA AMENDED

Councilman Budde made a motion to amend the agenda under New Business to add a #6 to consider moving the June Council Meeting date.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Asbill to amend the agenda to add New Business #6.

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 January 21, 2022 through February 17, 2022

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1

1. Harahan Farmers Market - Chantel Koerner spoke about the Farmers Market. It is held every Sunday from 10-2 at the Harahan Playground.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2

2. Chief Walker - Current State of the Harahan Police Department.

Chief Walker and Assistant Chief Bryan St. Cyr awarded Eric Crovetto with a Class A commendation, and Michael Barnett and Allena Nacio with Class B comendations for their bravery, service, and dedication.

Mayor Baudier asked for a moment of silence for the tragic loss of Anthony Peralla.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 20, 2022.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Asbill 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 January 20, 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

COMMUNICATIONS

None

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.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

Jason Asbill spoke on behalf of No Limits Play.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain to defer.

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: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSTAIN: Asbill

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DEFFERED

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 19

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Wheeler:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Harahan to execute an agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain to defer.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-25

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

An Ordinance providing for the deposit of insurance claim proceeds into the Capital Projects Fund.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Craig Johnston

Finance Director Todd Tournillon answered council questions.

Councilman Budde made a motion to amend line 16, Section 1 subparagraph b, after the words “shall be” by deleting “logically credited within” and replace it with “first used from.” Also, on line 16 delete the word “the” after the words “project fund to” and then delete “department which experienced the loss of property” and replace with “pay for repairs of the damaged property”. Councilman Budde then said he would define that with (“Property”) meaning that property is capitalized which generated the insurance claim. Finally, he would add a new section 1 sub paragraph c, “If the Property is either (i) not repaired or (ii) repairs or replacements costs are paid for from other sources other than the insurance claim proceeds so not utilized to repair or replace the property shall be utilized for Capital Projects at the council’s discretion.

Finance Director Todd Tournillon answered further council questions.

Council Discussion Continued

1. Jason Asbill

2. Tommy Budde

3. Jason Asbill

4. Mayor Baudier

5. Carrie Wheeler

6. Jason Asbill

7. Mayor Baudier

Motion by Councilman Wheeler for a 5-minute recess seconded by Councilman Johnston.

RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 7:41PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 7:50PM

Council Discussion Continued

1. Jason Asbill

Motion on the floor by Councilman Budde to amend Line 16 of Proposed Ordinance 2021-25.

Seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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: Budde

NAYS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS/AMENDMENT FAILS

Council Discussion

- 1. Carrie Wheeler**
- 2. Tommy Budde**
- 3. Eric Chatelain**

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Paragraph b, to add at the end of the paragraph “unless such loss has been repaired or replaced with funds from other sources then the proceeds shall reimburse said source.”

- 4. Tommy Budde**
- 5. Jason Asbill**
- 6. Tommy Budde**
- 7. Carrie Wheeler**
- 8. Jason Asbill**
- 9. Tommy Budde**
- 10. Carrie Wheeler**
- 11. Tommy Budde**
- 12. Carrie Wheeler**
- 13. Eric Chatelain**
- 14. Tommy Budde**
- 15. Jason Asbill**
- 16. Tommy Budde**

Motion by Councilman Asbill to amend Paragraph b, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made an administrative note to change the year at the bottom to 2022.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to proceed with the vote as amended with one amendment, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Mayor Baudier asked for a Point of Personal Privilege to have Senator Kirk Talbot come up and speak.

Senator Kirk Talbot spoke.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1

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

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1909, 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.

Council Discussion

- 1. Jason Asbill**

Lee Brown with the Harahan Fire Department spoke and answered council questions.

2. Carrie Wheeler

3. Jason Asbill

Motion by Councilman Chatelain to defer.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE DEFERRED

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

None

OLD BUSINESS #1

1. Board of Adjustment dismissal and appointments.

Councilman Asbill withdrew his previous nomination.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to defer this to the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

APPOINTMENT DEFERRED

OLD BUSINESS #2

2. Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.

Motion by Councilman Asbill to defer this to the next meeting, 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

APPOINTMENT DEFERRED

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 January.

NEW BUSINESS #2

2. Change the date of the March 2, 2022 Planning & Zoning meeting.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

1) Maurizio Francescon – Planning & Zoning Board Chairman

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to change the date of the March 2, 2022 Planning and zoning meeting to March 9, 2022.

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

MOTION PASSES/MEETING DATE CHANGED

NEW BUSINESS #3

3. Consider April Council Meeting Date Change.

Motion by Councilman Asbill to change the April Council Meeting to Thursday April 14, 2022.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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/MEETING DATE CHANGED

NEW BUSINESS #4

4. The St Rita Fall Festival Committee members respectfully request permission to sell beer and wine at the annual St. Rita Pecan Fall Bingo. This year the Bingo will be held on Friday March 11, 2022 from 5:00pm until 11:00pm.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

Technical difficulties - Feedback on the Microphone

Motion by Councilman Asbill for a 5-minute recess seconded by Councilman Johnston

RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 8:26PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 8:27PM

Council Discussion Continued

1. Craig Johnston

Police Chief Walker answered council questions.

3. Carrie Wheeler

4. Craig Johnston

5. Eric Chatelain

Motion by Council Johnston to approve the request to sell beer and wine at the St. Rita Pecan Fall Bingo.

Seconded by Councilman Budde

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/PERMISSION GRANTED

NEW BUSINESS #5

5. The members of the St Rita Dad's Club respectfully request permission to make Ravan Ave from Jefferson Hwy to Bourg Street from 5pm till 8pm a one way heading North to Jefferson Hwy. The Fish Fry will be held this year on Friday, March 11, 2022, from 5pm till 8pm.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Craig Johnston

2. Jason Asbill

Police Chief Walker answered council questions.

3. Carrie Wheeler

Motion by Councilman Johnston to amend the letter to change the time of the one way to 4:30pm till 7:00pm.

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

MOTION PASSES/LETTER AMENDED

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing for New Business #5 as amended.

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/PERMISSION GRANTED

NEW BUSINESS #6

6. Move June Council meeting date.

Motion by Councilman Budde to change the June Council Meeting to Thursday June 23, 2022.

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/MEETING DATE CHANGED

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for January, 2022

Total revenues \$473,492.00

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No one addressed the Council.

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker

Chief St. Cyr - Absent

Councilman Asbill

Councilman Budde

Councilman Chatelain – No Report

Councilman Johnston

Councilman Wheeler

Mayor Baudier

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in January 2022

Total expenditures \$1,539,122.08

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Asbill to adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM

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, City Clerk