

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

Date: February 24, 2021

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Baudier opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Asbill, Councilman Budde, Councilman Chatelain, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Mayor Baudier, Police Chief Walker, City Attorney Scott Stansbury and City Clerk Nicole Lee

Absent: Fire Chief St. Cyr, Finance Director Todd Tournillon

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to amend the agenda under Minutes to read 2021 rather than 2020, and to add David G. Trepagnier v. The Harahan City Council, 24th JDC, Docket No. 814-065, Div. "L" to Pending Litigation.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

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

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to add Proposed Ordinance No 2021-7 to Ordinances for Introduction. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1909, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Ice Machine for Recreation Dept.)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Chief Walker – Current State of the Harahan Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting on January 21, 2021.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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

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 Virtual Council Meeting on January 21, 2021.
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, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED

Reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on January 28, 2021.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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

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 Special Meeting on January 28, 2021.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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

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

No Communications.

RESOLUTIONS

No Resolutions.

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 25 (Deferred 01/21/21)

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Justin Schmidt representing David Trepagnier and 9 neighbors

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to grant Mr. Schmidt 2 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 Chatelain spoke.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Budde to grant Mr. Schmidt more time to speak.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Asbill called for a point of order to refer back to Proposed Ordinance No. 2020-25.

2. Susan Benton

3. Wayne Ducote

Motion by councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to grant Mr. Ducote 2 more minutes to speak.

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Budde to allow Ms. Benton to speak a second time on this ordinance for 2 more minutes.

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Budde

2. Asbill

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to defer 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 Johnston:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 1

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1909, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Asbill

2. Budde

3. Johnston

4. Chatelain

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to defer 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. 2021 – 3

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1909, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2021, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 4

An Ordinance to place a “yield sign” on East Avenue at the intersection of West Avenue.

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 5

An Ordinance to name and dedicate Ro-Bear Lane in the City of Harahan.

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 6

An Ordinance to place a “yield sign” on Shannon Lane West at the intersection of Shannon Lane East.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of City Magistrate.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Mayor Baudier nominated Warren A. “Chip” Forstall, Jr. as City Magistrate.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Asbill

2. Budde

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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 – absent.

2. Nomination and appointment of Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

Mayor Baudier nominated Lane Macaluso.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Asbill to appoint Lane Macaluso to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. High content ABO application for Happy Italian Pizzeria, Restaurant & Catering, located at 7105 Jefferson Hwy., for Leonard D. Minutillo, Jr. and Gavin M. Labourdette.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Lenny Minutillo

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve ABO.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ABO APPROVED

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No one addressed the Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for January, 2021

Total revenue \$652,513.00

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker

Fire Chief St. Cyr (absent)

Councilman Asbill

Councilman Budde – no report

Councilman Chatelain – no report

Councilman Johnston

Councilman Wheeler

Mayor Baudier

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in January, 2021

Total expenditures \$771,681.19

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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"**
- 7. David G. Trepagnier v. The Harahan City Council, 24th JDC, Docket No. 814-**

065, Div. "L"

- 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