

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

Date: January 20, 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 via Zoom, City Attorney Scott Stansbury, Municipal Clerk Carrie Heustis

Absent: Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to take up Special Presentation #2, Tulane Woman's Bowling Team, at this time.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to take up Special Presentation #2 now.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2

2. Tulane Woman's Bowling Team

Councilman Asbill read a proclamation recognizing the Tulane Woman's Green Wave Bowling Team for their athletic and academic achievements. Mayor Baudier then presented the team with a plaque.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to take up Special Presentation #1, Chief Walker - Current State of the Harahan Police Department. at this time.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to take up Special Presentation #1 now.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1

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

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add Special Presentation #3, Chantel Koerner & Tina Hunter, with the Harahan Farmer's Market to the agenda. Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to add Special Presentation #3.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #3

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

Councilman Asbill asked to make a note that Todd Tournillon, Finance director was present via zoom.

Mayor Baudier gave his monthly report from December 17, 2021 through January 20, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on December 6, 2021.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, 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 Special Meeting on December 6, 2021.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Budde 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

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on December 16, 2021.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, 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 December 16, 2021.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Asbill 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

None

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 Wheeler to defer.

Motion was 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, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 20

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

An Ordinance providing for the creation of a new Accrued Liabilities Committed Fund Balance within the General Fund of the City of Harahan Budget and providing for the funding and policies of the Fund.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to change the lettering of current paragraph c to d and to then add a new paragraph c under Section 1 that reads, the committed fund balance shall be held in its own bank account in an amount equal to that set by the council.

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

MOTION PASSES/AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Council Discussion:

1. Asbill

2. Chatelain

3. Asbill

Councilman Chatelain made a motion to amend line 28 to change the amount from \$300,000 to \$150,000.

Motion was 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/AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Council Discussion:

1. Chatelain

2. Asbill

3. Budde

Finance Director Todd Tournillon spoke and answered council questions.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend line 28 to change the date of December 21, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to move for the vote with 3 amendments.

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 23

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

An Ordinance providing for the creation of a new ARPA Revenue Special Fund within the City of Harahan Budget and providing for the funding and policies of the Fund.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

1. Jason Asbill

Finance Director Todd Tournillon spoke and answered council questions.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to move for the vote.

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: Asbill, Budde, Johnston

NAYS: Chatelain, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE ADOPTED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021 -24

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

An Ordinance providing for the creation of a new FEMA Revenue Special Fund within the City of Harahan Budget and providing for the funding and policies of the Fund.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

1. Asbill

Finance Director Todd Tournillon spoke and answered council questions.

Council Discussion:

1. Budde

2. Chatelain

3. Asbill

4. Chatelain

5. Asbill

6. Johnston

7. Budde

8. Wheeler

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

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 8:16PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 8:31PM

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Section 1.

Current paragraph B will become paragraph E.

New paragraph B will read - FEMA reimbursement for monies expended by the city for the Hurricane Ida emergency expenses shall first be used to reimburse the city's general fund.

Paragraph C - FEMA funds received by the City of Harahan for property damages shall be transferred to the Capital Fund for said use upon Council approval.

Paragraph D - FEMA money received for items other than uses specified in subsections B or C shall be utilized as per council approval.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

1. Johnston

2. Budde

3. Chatelain

4. Asbill

5. Chatelain

6. Asbill

Councilman Asbill withdrew the amendment.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to add a new paragraph B which will read; FEMA reimbursement for monies expended by the city for the Hurricane Ida emergency expenses shall first be used to reimburse the city's general fund.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion 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

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

Council Discussion:

- 1. Johnston**
- 2. Chatelain**
- 3. Budde**
- 4. Asbill**
- 5. Chatelain**
- 6. Budde**
- 7. Asbill**
- 8. Budde**
- 7. Chatelain**
- 8. Wheeler**

Councilman Budde made a motion to change the existing Paragraph B to C and to add the word additional after the word proposed and before the word policies.

Councilman Asbill seconded his motion.

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 AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to move for the vote of Ordinance 2021-24 as amended with 2 amendments.

Motion was 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/ORDINANCE ADOPTED

Motion made by Councilman Chatelain to move up Address the Council.

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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- 1. Rena Sanders**
- 2. Jimmie Dudenhoefter – HAA**
- 3. John Illg – State Representative - District 78**

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. Asbill**
- 2. Budde**
- 3. Chatelain**
- 4. Johnston**
- 5. Budde**
- 6. Asbill**
- 7. Budde**
- 8. Asbill**
- 9. Johnston**
- 10. Budde**
- 11. Chatelain**
- 12. Budde**
- 13. Johnston**

Motion by Councilman Chatelain to defer.

Motion was 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: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE DEFFERED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

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

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to provide for incentive pay in response to Covid-19.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion:

- 1. Asbill**
- 2. Chatelain**
- 2. Wheeler**
- 3. Budde**
- 4. Chatelain**

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

YEAS: None

NAYS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS/ORDINANCE FAILS

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Board of Adjustment dismissal and appointments.**

Motion by Councilman Johnston to nominate Richard Kittok for reappointment to continue serving on the Board of Adjustments.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES/RICHARD KITTOK WAS REAPPOINTED

Councilman Asbill nominates Brian Veade for appointment.

Councilman Budde makes a motion to defer this appointment.

Motion Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

Appointment Deferred

2. Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.

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

APPOINTMENT DEFERRED

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Tournillon presented the City's financials for the month of December.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for December, 2021

Total revenues \$2,620,705.00

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker - gave the monthly statistics for the Harahan Police Department for the month of December and the overall yearly report for 2021.

Fire Chief St. Cyr - Absent

Councilman Asbill

Councilman Budde – No Report

Councilman Chatelain – No Report

Councilman Johnston – No Report

Councilman Wheeler – No Report

Mayor Baudier

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in November, 2021

Total expenditures \$718,908.57

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Johnston to adjourn the meeting at 9:40PM

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 Eler 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