

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

**Date: May 19, 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, Attorney Bernie Dupre filling in for Scott Stansbury. Municipal Clerk Carrie Heustis**

**Absent: Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr, Finance Director Todd Tournillon, City Attorney Scott Stansbury**

**Mayor Baudier gave his monthly report from April 15, 2022 through May 19, 2022**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1**

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

**Jason Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add Serge Villanova with Stranded South Music and Media under Special Presentations.**

**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**

**2. Serge Villanova with Stranded South Music and Media.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on April 14, 2022.**

**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 April 14, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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**

**Reading of the Minutes of the Planning & Zoning Meeting on April 6, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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 Planning & Zoning Meeting on April 6, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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 Board of Adjustments Meeting on April 20, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain 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 Board of Adjustments Meeting on April 20, 2022.**

**Jason Asbill made a motion to amend the minutes to add Andrew Case as an attendee to the meeting.**

**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**

**MOTION PASSES/MINUTES AMENDED**

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

**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 Planning & Zoning Meeting on May 4, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain 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 Planning & Zoning Meeting on May 4, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5**

**A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1) Jason Asbill**

**2) Tommy Budde**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to approve.**

**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**

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

### **PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-6**

**A Resolution of the City Council of Harahan authorizing the Mayor of Harahan to 5 enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the State of Louisiana pertaining to 6 funding for Emergency Sewer Collection and Treatment System Overhaul- Equipment 7 Acquisition (FP&C Project No. 50-MC1-21-01).**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1) Jason Asbill**

**2) Tommy Budde**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to approve.**

**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**

**RESOLUTION APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1**

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

**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. (Fire Department Vehicle Capital Expense)**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.**

**Motion was 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 DEFFERED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – 4**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**

**An Ordinance approving the Conditional Resubdivison Plat of Lot A-2B-1B, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana into Lot A-2B-1C, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, and Lots 24 through 27, Colonial Place, Phase 1, all pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated February 11, 2022.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**1) Danny McKearan read a letter written by Scott Tabury**

**2) Tommy Budde asked questions.**

**3) Danny MsKearan**

**4) Maurizio Francescon**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend line 112 Section 8 to now read; Inasmuch as the City of Harahan has the authority to grant such, the sidewalks for Lots 24-27, Colonial Place, Phase 1, shall be 5ft and may be located within the public right of way...**

**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/ORDINANCE AMENDED**

**Motion by Councilman Wheeler seconded by Councilman Budde to approve**

**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 APPROVED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-5**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

**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. (City Vehicle)**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**2. Eric Chatelain**

**3.**

**4.**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion for approval.**

**Motion 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**

**MOTION PASSES/ORDINANCE APPROVED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-7**

**An ordinance providing for the levy within the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, of a 0.8% sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said City and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the City on March 26, 2022.**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-6**

**An ordinance approving the Final re-subdivision Plat of Lot A-2B-1C, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated March 18, 2022.**

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-8**

**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. (Debris Field Renovations)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, by creating the Fire Sales Tax Fund and setting the budget for the Fund. (Fire Sales Tax Fund)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1925, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022, for the General Fund and Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Fire Sales Tax Revenue)**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11**

**An Ordinance to transfer \$107,951.92 from Capital Projects Fund to the General Operating Fund for the purchase of a John Deere Backhoe.**

**OLD BUSINESS #1**

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

**No nominations at this time.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**Eric Chatelain spoke.**

**Tommy Budde spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**APPOINTMENT DEFERRED**

**OLD BUSINESS #2**

**2. Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.**

**Councilman Budde made a motion to nominate Dale Valez for the Civil Service Board Administrative appointment.**

**Motion 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/NOMINATION ACCEPTED**

**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 February.**

**NEW BUSINESS #2**

**2. William Lark respectfully requests permission that Bourg Street, between Elaine and Ravan, be blocked starting Friday May 6, 2022 at 4:00PM until Saturday May 7, 2022 at 11:00PM, due to the St. Rita Fall Festival. He will notify neighbors that may be affected during this closure.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**2. Carrie Wheeler**

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

**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: Wheeler**

**MOTION PASSES/PERMISSION GRANTED**

**NEW BUSINESS #3**

**Police Representative Civil Service Appointment.**

**Letter from Police Chief Walker reads; Please be advised of the results of the recent election for the employee representative to the Civil Service Board. Sergeant David Darwin was one of three nominees and won the election held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

**1. Jason Asbill**

**Chief Walker answered Council Questions.**

**2. Carrie Wheeler**

**3. Jason Asbill**

**Motion by Councilman Wheeler seconded by Councilman Chatelain for a 5 minute recess to research and discuss.**

**RECESS GRANTED**

**Recess started 8:00PM**

**Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 8:06PM**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer.**

**Motion Seconded by Councilman Chatelain.**

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

**YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Wheeler**

**NAYS: Budde, Johnston**

**ABSENT: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**APPOINTMENT DEFFERED**

**ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**1) Maurizio Francescon**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Secretary's report for March, 2022**

**Total revenues \$505,502.00**

**REPORTS**

**Police Chief Walker spoke.**

**Chief St. Cyr – Absent**

**Councilman Asbill spoke.**

**Councilman Budde spoke.**

**Councilman Chatelain spoke.**

**Councilman Johnston spoke.**

**Councilman Wheeler spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**PAY BILLS**

**Bill's paid in March 2022**

**Total expenditures \$682,288.99**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Councilman Budde and seconded by Councilman Asbill to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM**

**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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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., 24<sup>th</sup> 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**