

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

**Date: November 10, 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 Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #6 Planning and Zoning resignation and appointment.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**AGENDA AMENDED**

**Councilman Chatelain made a motion to amend the agenda to pull Ordinance 2022-23.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**AGENDA AMENDED**

**Councilman Wheeler made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #7 the scheduling of two special meetings. One on Monday November 28, 2022, at 6PM to introduce the 2022 budget amendments, the 2023 Budget, and any other ordinances submitted for first reading. The second meeting will be on Monday December 5, 2022, at 6:00PM for a budget hearing.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**AGENDA AMENDED**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #8 Request from the Lafont family to block one block on Doescher on December 18, 2022, from 6:00PM – 8:00PM for a Christmas concert.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**AGENDA AMENDED**

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 20, 2022.**

**Motion 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.**

**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**

**Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on October 20, 2022.**

**Motion by Councilman Johnston to approve the minutes.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION PASSES/MINUTES APPROVED**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

**NONE**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**NONE**

### **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)**

**Motion by Councilman Chatelain to defer this.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**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**

**ORDINANCE DEFFERED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22**

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

**An Ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances Sec. 86-36 "Pedestrian Ways" relative to sidewalk construction.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion.**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**2. Jason Asbill**

**3. Eric Chatelain**

**4. Jason Asbill**

**5. Tommy Budde**

**6. Jason Asbill**

**7. Tommy Budde**

**8. Jason Asbill**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-22 to read 200 square feet rather than 100 square feet**

**9. Eric Chatelain**

**10. Jason Asbill**

**11. Eric Chatelain**

**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. Jason Asbill**

**2. Eric Chatelain**

**3. Jason Asbill**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to call for the vote on this ordinance as amended.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**ORDINANCE APPROVED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23**

**This ordinance was withdrawn.**

**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.

Motion by Councilman Asbill to defer this ordinance.

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. 2022-25**

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain 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 Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Speed Tables & Radar Sign)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

**Council Discussion**

1. Jason Asbill

2. Eric Chatelain

3. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

4. Tommy Budde

5. Eric Chatelain

Mayor Baudier spoke.

6. Jason Asbill

7. Tommy Budde

8. Eric Chatelain

9. Craig Johnston

10. Tommy Budde

11. Eric Chatelain

12. Craig Johnston

13. Eric Chatelain

Mayor Baudier spoke.

14. Tommy Budde

15. Eric Chatelain

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-25. He wants to strike lines 9, 19 & 20, eliminating the speed tables and removing the ampersand and any other language referencing speed tables.

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**

**Council Discussion**

- 1. Jason Asbill**
- 2. Eric Chatelain**
- 3. Jason Asbill**
- 4. Craig Johnston**
- 5. Eric Chatelain**
- 6. Tommy Budde**
- 7. Eric Chatelain**
- 8. Craig Johnston**
- 9. Tommy Budde**
- 10. Craig Johnston**
- 11. Jason Asbill**
- 12. Tommy Budde**
- 13. Jason Asbill**
- 14. Eric Chatelain**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to reopen public hearing.**

**Mayor Baudier reopened the public hearing.**

- 1. Mike Ricks**

**Eric Chatelain spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**Craig Johnston spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to adopt as amended.**

**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**

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-26**

**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. (Street Repair)**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion**

- 1. Eric Chatelain**
- 2. Craig Johnston**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

- 3. Jason Asbill**
- 4. Tommy Budde**
- 5. Eric Chatelain**
- 6. Tommy Budde**

**Motion by Councilman Chatelain to adopt.**

**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**

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-27**

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

**An Ordinance authorizing the City of Harahan to borrow Capital funds to pay off all outstanding FEMA bills.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Council Discussion.**

**1. Eric Chatelain**

**2. Tommy Budde**

**3. Craig Johnston**

**Finance Director Todd Tournillon answered council questions.**

**4. Tommy Budde**

**5. Jason Asbill**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**6. Eric Chatelain**

**7. Tommy Budde**

**Todd Tournillon spoke.**

**8. Eric Chatelain**

**Todd Tournillon spoke.**

**9. Tommy Budde**

**Todd Tournillon spoke.**

**Mike Ricks spoke.**

**10. Tommy Budde**

**Ed Lepre spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke.**

**Motion by Councilman Chatelain to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-27 to change the amount of \$636,627.67 to pay all outstanding FEMA bills to release only \$400,000.00 to pay some of the vendors.**

**11. Tommy Budde**

**12. Eric Chatelain**

**13. Carrie Wheeler**

**14. Jason Asbill**

**15. Craig Johnston**

**16. Eric Chatelain**

**Councilman Chatelain then made a motion to defer this ordinance to the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**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**

**ORDINANCE DEFFERED**

### **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler.**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-28**

**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.**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain.**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-29**

**An Ordinance authorizing the City of Harahan to use \$327,250.00 of ARPA funds to rehabilitate Lift Station 8.**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain.**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-30**

**An Ordinance authorizing the City of Harahan to borrow \$328,128.93 from Capital to pay Veolia and terminate the contract.**

**The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler.**

#### **PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-31**

**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.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Old Business #1**

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

**No recommendations.**

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

**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**

**APPOINTMENT DEFERRED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **New Business #1**

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

#### **New Business #2**

##### **2023 Council Meeting Dates**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**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**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATES APPROVED**

#### **New Business #3**

##### **2023 Holidays**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

##### **Council Discussion**

**1. Tommy Budde**

**2. Eric Chatelain**

**3. Craig Johnston**

**4. Carrie Wheeler**

**Motion by Councilman Asbill to approve.**

**Seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**

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

**YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: Budde**

**ABSENT: None**

**2023 HOLIDAYS APPROVED**

#### **New Business #4**

**A letter from Fire Chief Todd St Cyr; Nominations for the employee representative to the Civil Service Board were open from June 13, 2022 – June 24, 2022.**

**Firefighter/Operator Kevin Durr was the only nominee and is therefore elected.**

**Please place this item on the council agenda for approval.**

**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**

**No one spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**

**Motion by Councilman Johnston to approve.**  
**Seconded by Councilman Asbill.**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**  
**YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**  
**NAYS: Budde**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**APPOINTMENT APPROVED**

**New Business #5**  
**High and low content ABO application for The 70123, LLC located at 2216 Hickory for Shannon Boudreaux.**  
**Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.**  
**No one spoke.**  
**Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.**  
**Council Discussion**  
**1. Eric Chatelain**  
**2. Tommy Budde**  
**Police Chief Walker spoke.**  
**3. Craig Johnston**  
**4. Jason Asbill**  
**Mayor Baudier called for the vote, the vote was as follows:**  
**YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**ABO APPLICATION APPROVED**

**New Business #6**  
**Planning & Zoning Board dismissal and appointments.**  
**Jason Asbill spoke and due to Michael Ricks being a newly appointed Council member he would like to accept Michael Ricks resignation from the Planning & Zoning Board. He would like to nominate Michelle Canamar as his replacement.**  
**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**  
**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD RESIGNATION & APPOINTMENT ACCEPTED**

**New Business #7**  
**Calling for the Special Meeting on November 28, 2022, at 6PM and the Budget Hearing on December 6, 2022, at 6PM.**  
**Councilman Asbill motioned 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**  
**RECESS GRANTED 8:01PM**

**Mayor Baudier called the meeting back to order at 8:06PM**  
**Councilman Wheeler set the agenda for the November 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.**  

- **Amendments for 2022 Budget for first reading only. No action will be taken.**
- **Ordinance for the 2023 Budget for first reading. No action will be taken.**
- **Proposed ordinance amending the Harahan Code of Ordinances 14-164 relative to work not requiring a building permit. First reading only, no action will be taken.**
- **Consideration for adoption of Proposed Ordinances 2022-27 & 2022-30. These two will have action taken.**



**Scheduling of a budget hearing on December 5, 2022, at 6PM. No action will be taken.**

**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**

**MEETINGS APPROVED**

#### **New Business #8**

**Request from the Lafont family to block one block of Doescher on December 18, 2022 from 6-8PM for a Christmas concert.**

**Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer this to the November 28, 2022, meeting.**

**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: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**PERMISSION DEFERRED**

#### **ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**1. Ed Lepre**

**2. Michael Ricks**

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Secretary's report for October 2022 will be presented at the November 28, 2022, Special Meeting.**

#### **REPORTS**

**Police Chief Walker spoke and gave the monthly statistics.**

**Chief St. Cyr - absent**

**Councilman Asbill spoke.**

**Councilman Budde spoke.**

**Councilman Chatelain spoke.**

**Councilman Johnston spoke.**

**Councilman Wheeler spoke.**

**Mayor Baudier spoke and asked for a moment of silence for Vinny Mosca who recently passed away.**

#### **PAY BILLS**

**Bills paid in October 2022 will be presented at the November 28, 2022, Special Meeting.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None**

#### **ADJOURN**

**Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM**

**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*  
Carrie Heustis, City Clerk  
(*Electronically Signed*)