

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

Date: June 23, 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, Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr, Finance Director Todd Tournillon, City Attorney Scott Stansbury, Municipal Clerk Carrie Heustis

Absent: Police Chief Tim Walker

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1

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

Assistant Chief Bryan St Cyr spoke on Chief Walker's behalf

- 2. Serge Villanova with Stranded South Music & Media**

Serge let Jason Asbill know that he was running late so this was deferred until later in the meeting.

Jason Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add Todd Tournillon, Finance Director – Capital Project Fund Discussion after Resolutions.

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/AGENDA AMENDED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 19, 2022.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Johnston 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

Councilman Budde made a motion to amend the minutes pertaining to Proposed Ordinance 2022-7. It should read 5 YEAs and 0 NAYS.

Motion Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

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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 Johnston to amend the minutes pertaining to Old Business #2, changing Councilman Asbill's vote from Absent to Abstain.

Councilman Johnston made a second motion to amend the minutes pertaining to New Business #2, changing Councilman Wheeler's vote from Abstain to YEA.

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/MINUTES AMENDED

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 19, 2022.

Motion by Councilman Asbill to approve the minutes as amended.

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 APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolution was offered unanimously by the Council of the City of Harahan:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2022-7

A Resolution accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report for the period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, and to inform the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken, and additional actions will be taken by the City of Harahan.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

No Council Discussion.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler to approve.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVED

Todd Tournillon, Finance Director – Capital Project Fund Discussion

Todd gave a brief update on the Capital Project Fund and their cash balances and answered council questions.

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.

Council Discussion.

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

Motion by Councilman Asbill to call for the vote.

Seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain, Johnston

NAYS: Budde, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

Fire Chief Todd St Cyr addressed the council pertaining to Ordinance 2022-1

Councilman Asbill made a point of order.

Councilman Wheeler was under a false impression that the money would be pulled from capital and then reimbursed, the vote was to just pull the money directly from capital.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to reconsider the vote.

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

VOTE WILL BE RECONSIDERED

Councilman Asbill moved to call the original question of allocating \$100,000 from the Capital Project fund for Fire Department Vehicles with no obligation to reimburse it back.

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

ORDINANCE APPROVED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-8

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. (Debris Field Renovations)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Craig Johnston

2. Jason Asbill

3. Tommy Budde

4. Jason Asbill

5. Tommy Budde

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-8 Line 19 to read "Increased by \$300,000".

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Tommy Budde

3. Jason Asbill

4. Tommy Budde

Motion on the floor by Councilman Budde to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-8 to include the diagram of Project #20-22050, Dated 6/8/2022, Prepared by Meyer Engineers, Sheet #3

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Council Discussion

1 Eric Chatelain

Motion on the floor by Councilman Budde to amend Section 1 by adding the words after Capital Expenses, for the purpose of performing the work in Project #20-22050, Sheet 3, dated June 8, 2022, Prepared by Meyer Engineers.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to adopt as amended

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

ORDINANCE APPROVED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-9

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill 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, by creating the Fire Sales Tax Fund and setting the budget for the Fund. (Fire Sales Tax Fund)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-9 Line 37 to read "Set at \$306,900.00".

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Jason Asbill

3. Carrie Wheeler

4. Craig Johnston

5. Eric Chatelain

6. Tommy Budde

7. Eric Chatelain

8. Tommy Budde

9. Carrie Wheeler

10. Eric Chatelain

11. Craig Johnston

12. Jason Asbill

Jason Asbill asked for a Point of Privilege for Todd Tournillon Finance Director to comment and answer questions.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to adopt as amended.

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 APPROVED

Motion by Councilman Chatelain for a 10-minute recess seconded by Councilman Asbill.

RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 8:02PM

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2

Serge Villanova with Stranded South Music & Media

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

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 General Fund and Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Fire Sales Tax Revenue)

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Eric Chatelain

3. Jason Asbill

4. Fire Chief St Cyr spoke and answered questions as needed.

5. Jason Asbill

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend line 32 to read "Increased by \$306,900."

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 by moving lines 85-86 directly after line 32.

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

ORDINANCE AMENDED

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Eric Chatelain

Todd St Cyr spoke.

3. Tommy Budde

Todd St. Cyr spoke.

4. Tommy Budde

5. Eric Chatelain

Todd St Cyr spoke.

6. Craig Johnston

7. Eric Chatelain

8. Jason Asbill

9. Eric Chatelain

Todd St Cyr spoke.

10. Jason Asbill

11. Carrie Wheeler

12. Jason Asbill

13. Carrie Wheeler

14. Jason Asbill

15. Carrie Wheeler

16. Tommy Budde

17. Eric Chatelain

18. Craig Johnston

Councilman Chatelain made a motion to call for deferral predicated on a special meeting in two weeks.

Seconded by Councilman Budde.

Motion by Councilman Asbill for a 10-minute recess seconded by Councilman Budde.

RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 8:51PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 8:58PM

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Carrie Wheeler

3. Tommy Budde

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

RECESS GRANTED

Recess started 9:00PM

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Baudier at 9:13PM

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #3 calling for a special meeting for the purpose of considering Proposed Ordinance 2022-10.

Councilman Asbill withdrew his motion.

Councilman Asbill made a motion to consider Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 until after New Business #3 to be added.

Councilman Chatelain withdrew his motion to defer.

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

AGENDA AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business #3

Calling for a Special meeting on July 5, 2022 at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

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

AGENDA AMENDED

Councilman Asbill made a motion to take up New Business #3 at this time.

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

New Business #3

Calling for a Special Meeting

Councilman Asbill made a motion to call for a Special meeting on July 5, 2022 at the Harahan City Council Chambers for 6pm and that council members waive notice of said meeting to discuss Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 and 2022-9.

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

Councilman Asbill made a motion to take up Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 at this time.

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

Councilman Asbill made a motion to defer Proposed Ordinance 2022-10 to the Special Meeting on July 5, 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

ORDINANCE DEFERRED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11

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

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

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Council Discussion

1. Jason Asbill

2. Craig Johnston

Mayor Baudier spoke.

3. Jason Asbill

Mayor Baudier spoke.

4. Jason Asbill

5. Eric Chatelain

6. Jason Asbill

7. Eric Chatelain

8. Craig Johnston

9. Eric Chatelain

10. Jason Asbill

11. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

12. Tommy Budde

Mayor Budde spoke.

13. Jason Asbill

Motion by Councilman Chatelain to call for the vote.

Seconded by Councilman Budde

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

YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Asbill

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill.

An Ordinance approving the Final Resubdivision Plat of Lot A-2C, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, into Lot A-2C-1, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, and Lots 14 through 23, Colonial Place, Phase 1, all pursuant to a plan made by Ronald Clement, P.L.S., dated June 1, 2022

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2022-13

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill.

An Ordinance approving the Final Resubdivision Plat of Lot A-2C-1, Soniat or Tchoupitoulas Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, into Lot A-2C-1A, 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 June 1, 2022

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2022-14

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill.

An Ordinance confirming the proper form of an Ordinance adopted on May 19, 2022, with respect to the levy of the sales and use tax authorized at a special election held in the City of Harahan on March 26, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-15

The following Ordinance was proposed 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 (Police Department).

OLD BUSINESS

Old Business #1

1. Board of Adjustment dismissal and appointments.

Councilman Johnston made a motion to defer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Budde.

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.

Todd Tournillon spoke.

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

Mayor Baudier spoke.

Todd Tournillon spoke.

2. Jason Asbill

Todd Tournillon spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

3. Eric Chatelain

Todd Tournillon spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

4. Jason Asbill

5. Eric Chatelain

Mayor Baudier spoke.

6. Jason Asbill

Mayor Baudier spoke.

7. Tommy Budde

Todd Tournillon spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

8. Tommy Budde

Todd Tournillon spoke.

9. Tommy Budde

Todd Tournillon spoke.

New Business #2

2. 2022-2023 Official Journal Appointment Renewal

Council Discussion

1. Tommy Budde

2. Jason Asbill

Motion by Councilman Johnston to accept.

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

OFFICIAL JOURNAL APPOINTMENT APPROVED

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

1. Maurizio Francescon

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for May, 2022

Total revenues \$881,693.00

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker - absent

Chief St. Cyr – No report

Councilman Asbill spoke.

Councilman Budde spoke.

Councilman Chatelain spoke.

Councilman Johnston spoke.

Councilman Wheeler spoke.

Mayor Baudier spoke.

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in May, 2022

Total expenditures \$1,349,868.55

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Chatelain to adjourn the meeting at 9:56PM

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