

**City of Harahan
6437 Jefferson Highway
Mayor and Harahan City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2017**

Date: August 17, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Mayor Miceli opened the Meeting of August 17, 2017 at 7:32 pm.

The City Clerk led the pledge of allegiance.

The City Clerk called the roll.

In Attendance were:

Mayor Miceli, Councilman Baudier, Councilman Benton, Councilman Huete, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, City Clerk Nicole Lee, Police Chief Walker, City Attorney Gilbert Buras, City CPA Linda Lulue, and Fire Chief St. Cyr

Mayor Miceli asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mrs. Penny Peraino, a long time resident who has passed away and for the families of the casualties in Barcelona.

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the agenda to add Proposed Resolution No. 2017-19 under Resolutions.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Nays

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the agenda to add Proposed Ordinance 2017- 27 under Ordinances for First Reading.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Nays

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison

She announced a benefit for Steve Nuccio's wife & family on August 27 1- 5 pm at the Lions Club. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held Sat., Oct. 28th from 10 am until 2 pm at the CVS and Police Dept. The Night Out Against Crime will be Tuesday, Oct. 17 at St. Rita schoolyard. She, Mayor Miceli and Councilman Wheeler presented the award to NOLA Serve volunteers for helping clean & adopt Royland Park. She also said the city will miss Mrs. Peraino.

2. Current State of the Harahan Police Department –

Chief Walker addressed the continuing problems with the financing of the police department and noted that all comments are for the record and are recorded on the tape.

At the end of his presentation, the Chief and Mayor agreed to meet next week.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mayor Miceli said she welcomes the forensic audit that the Chief has requested. She welcomes whatever the DA, CRI, and legislative auditor have to say. She again asserted that the city presented the correct budget numbers to the auditor.

Councilman Baudier, Oakland

Julie Kenney, Franklin

Tracy Whittle, Gordon

John Riehm, Renpass

Evelyn Riehm, Renpass

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Baudier to grant 3 more minutes.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

She continued.

Terri Valenti, Colonial Club Dr.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Baudier to grant 3 more minutes.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

She continued.

Mr. Barbera, Woodlawn

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

Barbara Boner, Colonial Club Dr.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Rhonda Bagby, Generes

Robert Johnson, Riverside

Bill Barnett, Carolyn

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The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

He continued.

A motion was made by Councilman Baudier seconded by Councilman Johnston to grant 3 more minutes.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

He continued.

Herb Soileau, Carolyn

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Benton to grant 3 more minutes.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

He continued.

Mr. Kirk Talbot, State Representative gave an update.

Rena Sanders, Oak

Nicole Lee, City Clerk

Chief Tim Walker

Discussion among the councilman concerning the sewerage charges – the city won't know if it is in compliance until the end of the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by Councilman Benton.

**The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES**

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Councilman Benton.

**The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Benton, Huete, Johnston
NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES**

**Mayor called a 5 minute recess.
The meeting was called back to order at 10:00 pm**

COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Adjustments and Appeals

The Board of Adjustments and Appeals did not meet in July, 2017.

Planning and Zoning Board

The Planning and Zoning Board did not meet in August, 2017 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18

**The clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.
This Resolution was proposed unanimously by the Council.
Attorney General opinion request in reference to contracts.
The Public Hearing was opened.
No one spoke.
The Public Hearing was closed.
Council Discussion:
Councilman Johnston said Councilman Wheeler had questions.
Councilman Wheeler questioned lines 26 thru 32.
Attorney Buras said he sent a letter dated Aug. 17 that made the changes requested by Councilman Wheeler, but it was not replaced in the packet.
Motion by Councilman Benton, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to table the Resolution.
The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION TABLED**

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19

**The clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.
This Resolution was proposed by Councilman Wheeler.
A Resolution pertaining to the March 11, 2016 emergency rain day.
Attorney Buras said this was his mistake – the Ordinance must be adopted first.
Councilman Wheeler withdrew her Resolution.**

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 13

**The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.
The Ordinance was offered by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston. – Deferred from July.**

An Ordinance to amend the Capital Budget for the year 2017 of the City of Harahan by increasing funds to Line 341-4-115-40900 (Highways and Street Maintenance) for street repairs. (\$150,000 per year for 2 years)

The Public Hearing was opened.

PUBLIC HEARING

No one spoke

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Johnston said he is all for it and Councilman Wheeler is trying to get monies from Jefferson Parish.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend line 18 in the ordinance to change it from 2 years to 3 years and line 22 – changed \$150,000 to \$100,000.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

A motion was offered By Councilman Baudier, seconded by Councilman Johnston to change line 22 again to read “\$100,000 per year over the next 3 years”.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Baudier to adopt the Ordinance.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORIDINANCE PASSED AS AMENDED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16

The clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only.

An Ordinance approving the Re-zoning of 6915 Jefferson Highway, Lots B-4, B-5, B-6 and D-1-A, Tract C, Soniat Plantation Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, from R-1 to C-1.

Mayor Miceli announced that this ordinance has been sent back to the Planning & Zoning board for their September 6, 2017 meeting for their recommendation, but that the public hearing would be opened for the benefit of the neighbors in attendance.

Councilman Johnston said it should be opened up to the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

Jay Baum, Carolyn said he's glad the classification was changed to C-1 – much more desirable. Their property values will be affected and the applicant is planning to purchase the house behind the property also. He questioned the revenue the city will receive – he requested studies for drainage, sewerage and the loading facilities and whether the effect on their property values will offset projected revenue. He also questioned what will happen to the neighborhood if the project fails.

Terri Valenti, Colonial Club said the proposed development on the country club has changed over time and now an assisted living facility is proposed which does not generate tax dollars but their property values have dropped. She said it is a valid point that if the zoning is changed, it is forever and nobody knows what will happen.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Miceli said the applicant needs to present those studies to the city.

Councilman Huete said let's do as we did in the past. She asked about the car wash on corner.

Mayor Miceli said that that property was already zoned commercial.

Attorney Buras said the city has a Master Plan and that he had approached two city planners – Anthony Mumphrey – who declined and Karen Fernandez – who quoted \$110 an hour. He said that previous city planner, Steve Vilavasso is now working with JW Colonial. He said a fully staffed board should have an unjaundiced view. He agrees that the board needs guidance. He suggested a sub-committee of councilmen to determine if we hire a planner – but all meetings must be open meetings.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to send the ordinance back to the Planning & Zoning for their September 6, 2017 meeting.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

As mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year of Computer Supplies and Expense for the Administrative Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (\$11,000)

Ms. Lulue said this affects the Web site maintenance & computer repair.

OPEN HEARING

No one spoke

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Johnston asked why were all the budget ordinances separated. Before meeting he consulted with Councilman Wheeler – none show the revenue or where the revenue is coming from.

Ms. Lulue said that the original budget was \$25,000 – but the Council amended it downward. The addition will allow the city to finish the year.

Councilman Wheeler asked where is the money coming from.

Mayor Miceli said the reduction to the proposed budget interferes with the day to day working of the city

Ms. Lulue said the council took \$134,000 from administration and moved the money to the police and fire departments.

Councilman Johnston said he is not voting until he knows where the money is coming from.

Mayor Miceli said the law says you can't underfund operations. We are obligated to have a web site and pay for Incode & health insurance – our budget included the increases for insurance – but the council amended the budget.

Councilman Johnston said he is not voting until he knows where the money is coming from again.

Councilman Huete said you are not suggesting any line item to take the money from.

Ms. Lulue said there is no "fluff" in the budget.

Mayor Miceli said they had cautioned the Council about the cuts – but the council cut the budget anyway.

Councilman Wheeler said you are suggesting that we deficit spend.

Ms. Lulue said no she isn't suggesting that.

Councilman Johnston said he won't support the change.

Mayor Miceli said a budget was presented but the council used 8 pages of amendments to change it & caused a crisis & now it has to be fixed.

Councilman Johnston said they should sit down and decide where to pull the money from or they won't do it.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Huete to adopt the ordinance.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Benton

NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE FAILS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-18

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton.

As mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year of Office Supplies for the Recreation Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (\$300)

Ms. Lulue added that the recreation director is paying for the ink for their printer out of his own pocket.

ORDINANCE FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-19

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Wheeler for public hearing.

As mandated by La. R.S. 39:1311, to adjust beginning fund balances to actuals per the 2016 audit, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

OPEN HEARING

Chief Walker asked about the proper amount for the 2016 budget figures. Councilman Wheeler & Councilman Baudier said that CRI will change the audit so these figures may not be correct.

Mayor Miceli said that the amount spent has never been in contention. If this does not pass we will have the same budget problem in 2017.

Ms. Lulue advised the council that the law requires amending the budget for ending fund balances.

Councilman Johnston said that giving the police dept. money back would put us back in deficit spending.

Terri Valenti, Colonial Club said that when the 4 councilman dismantled the Mayor's budget by cutting the administration, not allowing proper amounts for Health Insurance, etc. said that the Mayor would have to come back to them & now there is no money to pay necessary bills - this is a pitiful situation

Councilman Wheeler said to tell them where the revenue is coming from.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh asked if the June financials were done.

Ms. Lulue said the Council and Chief has received the June financials.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Mayor Miceli said this was a purposeful catch 22 for the Mayor. The Council underfunded the year's budget in several areas. She must pay for the day to day operations and does not want to implement a lawsuit because that's a waste of money.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Benton

NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE FAILS

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton.

As mandated by La. R.S. 39:1310, to fund for the change in operations and as mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year, which has occurred due

to replacing the Certified Building Official position for the remaining year of Salaries – Other Subcontractors for the Regulatory Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

ORDINANCE FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-21

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton.

As mandated by La. R.S. 39:1310, to fund for the change in operations and as mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year, due to addressing the City's 2016 Audit Report findings regarding lack of segregation of duties and internal controls, hereby requiring the increase of Salaries and Related Expenses for the Court Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

ORDINANCE FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-22

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

As mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year of Health Insurance for all departments in the General Fund, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

OPEN HEARING

Chief Walker asked if this is just for the increase in insurance for all the employees.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Johnston– doesn't want to deficit spend he asked to amend the dollar amount to come from the 2016 surplus of \$25,960.

The council was advised by the Mayor and Ms. Lulue that a partial year cannot be funded.

Councilman Johnston distributed the \$25,960 as follows:

\$4,528.80 to each line item to partially fund them, except Maintenance which will be fully funded.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the Ordinance as stated.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Benton

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Huete to adopt the ordinance as amended.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Benton

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE PASSES AS AMENDED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-23

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

As mandated by La. R.S. 39:1310, to fund for the change in operations which has resulted in improving the City's ability to track garbage fees for the Sanitation Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

OPEN HEARING

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Ms. Lulue said this is just moving line items in the budget to determine where the monies are coming from – there is no dollar change.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to correct and amend the ordinance line 20 item C to read \$252,555.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE AMENDED

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to adopt the Ordinance as amended.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE PASSED AS AMENDED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-24

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

As mandated by La. R.S. 39:1310, to fund for the change in operations necessitated by the City no longer charging residents for recycling services for the Sanitation Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

OPEN HEARING

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Johnston said this eliminates \$83,000 from budget because we are not collecting the money any longer.

Councilman Wheeler asked if they should defer until we decide on recycling.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Huete to vote to adopt the ordinance.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE PASSED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-25

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton.

As mandated by LSA - R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year of Training for the Administrative Department, this is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

ORDINANCE FAILS FOR LACK OF A SECOND

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1822, the Annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Civil Service Department)

OPEN HEARING - No one spoke

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Wheeler questioned the amount.

Ms. Lulue said that \$2,400 was budgeted for other contractors' salaries.

Mayor Miceli said that the Civil Service board cannot raise the salary.

Attorney Buras agreed that the Civil Service Board can't vote to increase the salary & it can't make it retroactive.

A Motion was offered by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston to defer.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE DEFERRED

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Baudier to pull Resolution 2017-18 off the table.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18

The clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

This Resolution was proposed unanimously by the Council.

Attorney General opinion request in reference to contracts.

Councilman Wheeler motioned and Councilman Baudier seconded to amend and remove lines 26-32.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION AMENDED

OPEN HEARING

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh - he read the original resolution and suggested that the use of "any" is problematic. He asked that it read "if the Mayor is required to get council approval whether money is allocated or not".

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Wheeler suggested they defer the resolution.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Johnston to defer the Resolution.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DEFERRED

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading)

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler

PROPOSED ORD. NO. 2017-27

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 1361, 778 and 1003 establishing a Personnel Policy for the City of Harahan by adding thereto provisions relative to a policy regarding compensation during periods of leave due to emergencies to repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Councilman Wheeler said the ordinance has duplicate language and she will get with City Clerk Lee to correct it.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Planning & Zoning & Appeals Board nominations and appointments.

The Mayor nominated Mrs. Barbara Butera for a term of 5 years beginning May, 2017 to May, 2022 to replace Patrick Peppo.

A motion was offered by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Johnston to appoint Mrs. Butera.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Baudier stated they discussed this had gotten together to discuss extending an olive branch by approving Mrs. Butera to get our own appointments on the board.

Mayor Miceli nominated Mrs. Helen Barnett for Planning & Zoning Board a term of 3 years starting in 2017 to fulfill the unexpired term of Dwayne Mara who resigned.

Council Discussion:

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to appoint Mrs. Barnett.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Benton, Johnston

NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS

Councilman Johnston said you will have to alternate nominations to proceed.

Mayor Miceli then nominated Mr. Dale Valez for a second term of 5 years starting in 2017 to 2022.

Council Discussion: None

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to re-appoint Mr. Valez.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Miceli again put up Ms. Barnett for appointment.

A motion was offered by Councilman Benton, seconded by Councilman Johnston to appoint Ms. Barnett.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Benton, Johnston

NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS

The Mayor then withdrew all other nominations.

2. HPD Advisory Committee nomination

A motion was made by Councilman Benton to nominate Peter Dale as her appointment to the committee seconded by Councilman Johnston.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

3. Ramelli Contract

Motion to defer the Ramelli Contract and place it on next month's agenda by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

4. Governing Authority appointment for Civil Service Investigation on 10/9/17.

Councilman Wheeler said she was nominated for the Aug. 9 meeting but the Civil Service deferred it to Oct. 9th and she wished to be designated as appointee for that meeting.

Motion by Councilman Huete seconded by Councilman Johnston to appoint Councilman Wheeler as the appointee to represent the administration at the meeting.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Wheeler

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for permission to hold a benefit/fundraiser for Steve Nuccio's widow & family, at the Harahan Lion's Club, 1001 Hickory Ave., on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Beer and wine will be served.

Mayor Miceli asked Chief Walker if he had made arrangements for the event.

Chief Walker answered he had.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to grant permission.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

2. St. Rita Pecan Festival Committee is requesting permission to:

- **Sell beer and wine at the annual St. Rita Pecan Festival on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm.**
- **Sell beer and wine at the annual St. Rita Pecan Festival, on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 12:00 a.m., Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 12, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.**
- **Block Bourg St. from Imperial Woods Dr. to Ravan Ave. during the operation for the St. Rita Pecan Festival (November 10-12, 2017)**

Mayor Miceli asked Chief Walker if he had prepared for these events.

Chief Walker replied he had.

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston to grant permission.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. St. Rita Parish is requesting assistance in planning the annual Greater New Orleans Rosary Congress from October 7 through 13, 2017. Request includes a HPD escort during the procession.

Mayor Miceli asked what planning assistance they were requesting.

City Clerk Lee said they only wanted a police escort.

She then asked Chief Walker if he has made provisions for this event.

Chief Walker replied that he had.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to grant permission.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Tracy Whittle, Gordon.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for July, 2017

Total revenue \$444,055.88.

REPORTS

Chief Walker read his statistics for July, 2017

Councilman Huete – congratulated Councilman Johnston who was named the Knights of Columbus' Knight of the year.

Councilman Johnston said thanks.

Councilman Baudier said he will miss Penny Peraino.

Councilman Wheeler – no report

Councilman Benton – hope we are in compliance with the DEQ.

PAY BILLS –

Bill's paid in July, 2017

Total expenditures \$357,665.78.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by Councilman Wheeler seconded by Councilman Johnston to adjourn the meeting at midnight.

The Mayor called for the vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

MEETING ADJOURNED AT MIDNIGHT

A. The following matter involving pending litigation may be considered (Court, Case, Number, Parties):

- 1. Phillip Canella vs. Arch Ins. Co., City of Harahan, Todd A. St. Cyr, and Allstate Ins. Co.; 24th JDC, Case 744-961, Div. "I"**
- 2. Suzanne K. Scalise vs. City of Harahan LA, Anne Gordon, Louise Slayden, Ronald Gordon, Gail Gordon; 24th JDC, Case 744-986, Div. "O"**
- 3. City of Harahan, et al, v. BP Exploration & Production, Inc., et al. U.S.D.C., Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 2:13-cv-01397**
- 4. Wood Materials LLC, Wood Resources LLC v. City of Harahan, 24th JDC, Case 761-783, Div. "K"**

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: