

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

Date: June 18, 2020

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Baudier opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Asbill, Councilman Budde, Councilman Chatelain, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Mayor Baudier, Police Chief Walker, Fire Chief St. Cyr, Finance Director Todd Tournillon, City Attorney Scott Stansbury and City Clerk Nicole Lee

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Asbill to amend the agenda to add Wood Materials, 24th JDC, Case No. 761-783, Div. "K."

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

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add New Business No. 4 – The New Orleans Advocate Official Journal Bid July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to add New Business No. 4 to the agenda.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. State Representative John Illg – Recognizing the City of Harahan's 100th Year of Incorporation.

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

Chief Walker called Mr. Tab Henderson to the podium to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on May 21, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to dispense with reading of the minutes.

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 May 21, 2020.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Johnston to amend the minutes as follows:

New Business No. 4 change the vote from all yeas to one abstention by Councilman Chatelain.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Johnston to approve the amendment.

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

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

No Communications.

RESOLUTIONS

No Resolutions.

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 6 (Deferred 5/21/20)

An ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 928, (Adopted 11/15/1986) and eliminating Harahan Code of Ordinances Section 34-2 and the related annual fire department service charge.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

1. Mae Jean Cazenave

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Councilman Asbill withdrew his ordinance

ORDINANCE WITHDRAWN

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020 – 8

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1885, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020, for the Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Fire Dept.)

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Todd Tournillon gave budget update.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Budde

2. Chatelain

2. Planning and Zoning Board dismissal/appointment.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Budde to remove Mr. Bryan Whittle from the Planning and Zoning Board due to lack of attendance.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. Rescheduling the July 16, 2020 council meeting to July 23, 2020 for 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Budde

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Johnston to reschedule the July regularly scheduled council meeting date.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

4. The New Orleans Advocate Official Journal bid July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Johnston to accept the bid.

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

Councilman Asbill called for a point of order.

Motion by Councilman Asbill, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to dismiss the reading of the public comments that were emailed to the Clerk.

Mayor Baudier opened the public hearing.

1. Mae Jean Cazenave

2. Craig

3. John Riehm

4. Evelyn Riehm

5. Judy Johnson

6. Assistant Chief Moody

Mayor Baudier closed the public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

1. Johnston

2. Chatelain

3. Wheeler

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

YEAS: Asbill, Chatelain

NAYS: Budde, Johnston, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS

The Clerk and Councilman Wheeler read the comments emailed from the public.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Clerk and Councilman Wheeler read the following comments:

1. Chris Holmes – opposing potential zoning change regarding Wood Materials.
2. Noah – regarding Fire Dept. Millage, uses on the batture, purchases of new vehicles by the Police Dept. and \$15 fee on water bill.
3. Susan Benton – regarding Fire Dept. millage, uses on the batture, purchases of new vehicles by the Police Dept. and \$15 fee on water bill.
4. Carolyn Clausing – opposing composting in Harahan.
5. Melanie White – regarding uses on the batture and Fire Dept. millage.
6. Janet Burckel – opposed to commercial compost on the batture.
7. Judy Dufrene – opposed to compost and mulching on the batture.
8. James Lynch – opposed to composting on the batture.
9. Robin Wichner – opposed to mulching on the batture.
10. Kazli Sullivan – opposed to commercial composting on the batture.
11. Gina Bourgeois – opposed to composting on the batture.
12. John White – opposed to commercial composting on the batture.
13. Thomas Adler – regarding issues with NU – Non-Urban Zoned Land.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for May, 2020

Total revenue \$293,029.59

REPORTS

Police Chief Walker

Fire Chief St. Cyr

Councilman Asbill

Councilman Budde

Councilman Chatelain

Councilman Johnston

Councilman Wheeler

Mayor Baudier

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in May, 2020

Total expenditures \$770,104.82

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to enter into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss the Wood Materials Case, 24th JDC, Case No. 761-783, Div. K.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Meeting resumed at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Asbill and seconded by Councilman Johnston to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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. Gulf Coast Underground v. City of Harahan, 24th JDC, Docket No. 801282, Div. "J"

3. Michael Wright v. City of Harahan, et al, US District Court, Civil Action No. 19-13529, Sect. F(5)

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: Nicole Lee
Nicole Lee, City Clerk