

**CITY OF HARAHAH
6437 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, HARAHAH, LOUISIANA
MAYOR AND HARAHAH CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 16, 2017 MINUTES**

The Mayor opened the Regular Council Meeting for February 16, 2017 at 7:34 pm.

The City Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Miceli, Councilman Baudier, Councilman Benton, Councilman Huete, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Municipal Clerk Nicole Lee, Police Chief Tim Walker, Fire Chief St. Cyr, City Attorney Gilbert Buras; Financial Administrator Linda Lulue.

Mayor's comments:

The City recently had a Town Hall meeting where the No. 1 issue was a balanced budget. She announced she has requested quotes for speed tables & stop signs for Riverside Dr. She recognized Mr. Bob Ramelli in the audience.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the agenda to substitute Dave Courcell for Edwinn Lauricella who is ill.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

All remarks for the record are on the video.

1. Ramelli Waste – Bob Ramelli

2. Dave Courcelle spoke about John Schroeder who is running for State Treasurer.

2. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison gave her report.

Drug Take Back Day – last weekend of April – same two locations.

3. Chief Tim Walker gave his monthly presentation.

Mayor Miceli called a 5-minute recess to address an air conditioning problem.

Mayor Miceli called the meeting back to order at 8:35 pm.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

A record of all comments is on the video on the website.

Evelyn Riehm – Rypass

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Baudier to give her 3 more minutes.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED

She continued.

A motion was made by Councilman Huete and seconded by Councilman Baudier to give her 3 more minutes.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION APPROVED

She continued.

Kay Mitchell, 41 Oak Ave.

Remy Donelly – attorney for Wood Materials.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Baudier – a lot of cops on river road at night.

John Riehm, Renpass

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

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSES

He continued.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete,

NAYS: Johnston Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting.

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

YEAS: Benton, Huete, Johnston

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 16, 2017.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 16, 2017.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Adjustments did not meet in January.

The Planning & Zoning Board did not meet in February.

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-3

This Resolution is proposed unanimously by the Council.

A Resolution to enter into a CEA with JCOA.

A motion to open the public hearing was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton.

No one spoke.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to close the public hearing.

This resolution will lease the van we received from Jefferson Parish for the Sr. Center. It reserves the van for the Sr. Center and JOCA will pay \$1 a year. JCOA's liability insurance will cover the van;

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to approve the CEA.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

PRPOSED RESOLUTION 2017-4

This Resolution is proposed by Councilman Johnston.

The Clerk read the resolution in its entirety.

A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein the avails of which shall be dedicated to the maintenance and operation of a sewerage plant by the City of Harahan.

A motion to open the public hearing was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC HEARING

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh - He was interested in how much this would bring in and how would that affect the sewerage fee on the water bill.

Councilman Johnston said he was going to defer until Mr. Martin has been contacted.

Councilman Huete asked Chief St. Cyr how much the 5 mills for the Fire Department brings in.

Chief St. Cyr responded that it brings in approximately \$350,000.

A motion to close the public hearing was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to defer the Resolution until next month.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DEFFERRED

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 1822 (Vetoed)

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

The following Ordinance was introduced unanimously by the Council.

An Ordinance adopting the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2017 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to open the public hearing.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

OPEN HEARING

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh said he was unaware of the Mayor's veto – he wants the ordinance passed. He questioned the amount billed by Mr. Buras as the city attorney.

Mr. Buras said he billed the city for \$21,000.

Ms. Wheeler said Ms. Lulue earned \$104,000 last year.

Lee Brown, Fire Fighters Association – they have sat down with the Mayor and Council to discuss this – they haven't had a raise since 2006 – they bring home less now than in 2006 – they aren't asking for raises – the dept. needs manpower. He wished the council and the mayor would work together.

Mayor Miceli said her budget offered and funded an additional policeman and an additional fireman.

Eric Chatelain, Colonial Club Dr. said the budget needs to pass – you can amend it every month. If you took the city out of the \$1.2 million dollar deficit in two years – you have extra money – work it out.

Chief Tim Walker – I presented a budget to the council – The payroll expenses are included.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to close the public hearing.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Johnston made a motion to rule the Mayor out of order seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Benton

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Wheeler to pass the budget over the veto of the Mayor.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Benton

ABSENT: None

BUDGET APPROVED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1

This Ordinance was introduced unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

An Ordinance approving the re-subdivision of 6489 Jefferson Hwy. and 194 Hickory Ave., Lots 27A, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Square E, Harahan City Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, made by All South Consulting Engineers, LLC, dated November 2, 2016.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to open the public hearing.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSES

NO OPEN SPOKE

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to close the public hearing.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

MOTION PASSES

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Baudier congratulated the owners on their new business. –

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adopt the ordinance.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 2 (NOT ADVERTISED)

A motion to defer the Ordinance to the March meeting was introduced by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Huete.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ORDINANCE DEFERRED

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 3

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Benton.

The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

An Ordinance amending the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017 – 4

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Johnston

The clerk read the ordinance by title only.

An Ordinance to amend the Capital Budget for the year 2017 of the City of Harahan by transferring funds from Line 341-4-115-40800 (Highways and Street Maintenance) to Line 010-4-118-44700 (Building Repairs and Maintenance) for the purpose of purchasing a capital expense item.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-5

**This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Baudier
The clerk read the ordinance by title only.**

An Ordinance to amend and re-ordain Ordinance No. 53, Sewerage District No. 1 of the City of Harahan, and the Harahan Municipal Code, Chapter 90, Article II, Division 2, USER CHARGES, Section 90-58. – Schedule of charges, providing for services rendered by the said Sewerage District.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Harahan Athletic Association Rental/Lease Agreement.

A motion to defer till the next meeting was made 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 PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

All comments for the record are recorded on the video.

Evelyn Riehm, Renpass

John Riehm Renpass

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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

Mr. Bruzik continued.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL WAS CLOSED.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Report for January, 2017 – Total Revenue \$753,043.11.

REPORTS:

Chief Walker gave his statistic report for January, 2017, and announced that construction work on Hickory & 9th will take place next Monday in the am – paving from 9th to Dock St. Just notified today.

Councilman Huete – no report

Councilman Baudier Happy Mardi Gras – congratulated his daughter for winning 1st place in her school's science fair. He said she had a scholarship to Tulane

Councilman Wheeler - Happy Mardi Gras

Councilman Johnston – Happy Mardi Gras

Councilman Benton – Happy Mardi Gras

Chief St. Cyr – he met with the Mayor about the equipment – he gave his report for January, 2017

Mayor Miceli – addressed the concerns concerning the budget. Retirement, salaries and deductions must be funded correctly. She said it does get uncomfortable when there is no money. Moving into the new administration has been hard – we have eliminated the deficit; paid off a fire truck and paid off a bond early. We have many accomplishments – the burger king is gone – we have more homes – more businesses – great community – best timed response for service – good working relationship with Jefferson Parish and the fire dept. meets the needs of the city. It’s getting better.

PAY BILLS

Bills paid in January, 2017 – Total expenditures \$529,906.41.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 10:38

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Benton to go into Executive Session at 10:38 pm.

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

YEAS: Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

The meeting was called back to order at 10:55 pm.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn at 10:59 pm.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Huete

MEETING ADJOURNED

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: