

**City of Harahan
6437 Jefferson Highway
Mayor and Harahan City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017**

Date: September 21, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Mayor Miceli opened the Meeting of September 21, 2017 at 7:30 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 and City CPA Linda Lulue Fire Chief St. Cyr arrived at 8:13 p.m.

A motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2017-20 as number 2 under Resolutions was made by Councilman Benton and seconded by Councilman Baudier.

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 seconded by Councilman Huete to add a request from the Harahan Athletic Association as No. 4 under New Business.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Nays

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

The Mayor announced the following: She asked every one to keep those affected by recent hurricanes and earthquakes in their thoughts and prayers and assist with the recovery effort to whatever extent they can.

She also said that the city was well prepared for a hurricane and participated with Jefferson Parish in getting everything ready. A special thank you was given to Chief Todd St. Cyr for acting as the point person during the event. She thanked the La. DOTD, and Jefferson Parish for their assistance in cleaning local ditches in preparation for the storm. A schedule of regular maintenance is being developed and will be sent to the city in the near future. The Pump to the River project came on line temporarily during the rain event and the initial results were encouraging.

She announced that the haul road permit for Woods Materials has been granted and work on the road should be started soon. In the matter of the lawsuit, City Attorney Gilbert Buras presented the city's case at the 5th

Circuit Court of Appeals concerning the illegal composting and mulching operation on the batture – we are waiting on the court's ruling.

She announced that the city has received grants including: a federally funded grant between FEMA and Louisiana pre-disaster mitigation program totaling almost \$700,000 which requires 25% matching funds; and a DOTD grant which is part of their Transportation Alternatives Program for 2016-2018 for nearly \$340,000 with a 20% match.

Calvin Hoppmeyer of Stuart Engineering will be giving an update on the urgent sewer repair project.

She met with Councilman Paul Johnston to discuss projects in the city that require attention and to seek his assistance. In particular, street work required for Prados, Kielman, VFW and Marquette St. was discussed. The council budgeted this project to be done over a 3 year period, which would increase costs and prolong the work, thereby creating a great inconvenience for the residents. Councilman Johnston agreed to meet with city officials to help accomplish the work this summer.

She reminded citizens of the Oct. 14th millage election for the sewer district which will authorize the collection of 3 mills which will bring in approximately \$256,000 annually for the maintenance and improvement of our sewer system. She encouraged everyone to exercise your right to vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. Durand Elzey with the US Army Corp of Engineers addressed the council – gave an update on the Pump to the River – 6 contracts were used during the project and 1 contract is still open with a punch list. The Pump Station operated successfully during Harvey – fully operable. While there is still the punch list – it does not hinder the operation of the station and it is being addressed. He also noted that the permit for Woods Materials is valid for 5 years.

2. Calvin Hoppmeyer, Stuart Consulting – City Engineer said that recently pump station 8 became more stressed and a temporary pump had to be added to help it. It was declared an emergency situation. They installed a tee and a portable pump is on site. The sewerage system shut down was done at night to have the least usage at the time. 90% of the engineering has been done on the complete repair and will be put out to bid when completed, the street will be repaired after the station is repaired. It is probably 8-12 weeks of construction and should be totally operational by the end of the year. Design for pump station 6 is being done to create a 2nd station pumping to the plant. The 6-9 months of pipe repairs is costing \$60-\$70,000 and the repair for station 8 will cost approximately \$150,000.

Councilman Baudier asked about a backflow of sewerage on Tyler. Mr. Hoppmeyer said they know about it and are working to fix it.

Councilman Johnston said there was another backflow in Harahan Oaks.

Mr. Hoppmeyer said he had heard about that and to please send him the details. He explained that Blue Flash will determine whether the problem is on public or private property.

Councilman Baudier asked the definition of where the public property turns into private property.

Mr. Hoppmeyer said there is a little leeway if the blockage is close to the city's connection, but that back yard sewer lines are major problems and they are working on that now.

3. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison announced the Night Out Against Crime for Tuesday, October 17th – from 6 pm to 10 pm - free food, information, displays to be held at St. Rita's playground. She also announced the La. Walk for Parkinson will be held Sat., Oct. 14, at Lafreniere Park from 9 am – 2 pm. Registration is \$25 per person. Food, water, soft drinks, wine, face painting and music will be available from 11 – 2 pm. Mayor Miceli invited all elected officials to do this together. Ms. Schwartz announced the Faith Lutheran School– Trunk or Treat event Sat. Oct. 21st from noon to 3 pm – food, music, bounce houses, Confetti eggs, nachos will be available. Rhea Lana, a thrift shop will be open Sept. 24 – 30 at old Winn Dixie store – Rebecca is the owner and has good deals on clothes and toys for kids – furniture also. Early bird time starts Sept. 23 at 7 pm.

National Drug Take Back Day will be Sat., Oct. 28 at Rite Aid and the Police Dept. from 10 am until 2 pm. There is a collection point at My Sister's Table for hurricane victims.

4. Current State of the Harahan Police Department – Chief Walker presented certificates to officers involved in catching a felon who was going through residents' backyards with drugs and a gun. He thanked the Levee District Police for their help. He also presented certificates from the Governor to those officers who participated in the search & rescue effort in Baton Rouge during the August flooding. He asked again for access to all of Incode. He complained that the Mayor did not invite him to the Hurricane Harvey meeting in Jefferson Parish. He said the department needs to upgrade their internet connection speed and Cox had quoted \$400 a month – he wants the Mayor to sign the contract after the meeting & if she doesn't he said he will sign it in the morning. He was told he needed a budget amendment ordinance to do this. He still does not agree with the audit and he has filed complaints against Ms. Lulue and Carr, Riggs & Ingram. He said he has received 8 police cars from Jefferson Parish, but has not received any appearance bond money. That money was supposed to buy 2 cars each year. He ordered 8 Chevy Caprices with the \$180,000 from Jefferson Parish & wanted to complete the cost of the cars with the appearance bond money. He also got 2 cars from Texas. Prior to his administration 2 DEA officers worked with the dept. and they received asset forfeiture money. He said there are 2 account for asset forfeiture and 2 signatures are needed on the checks. He also said the Attorney General said that the Mayor controls the checkbook but he feels the Doyle case gave him control. He also asked if the \$21,000 paid in error for health insurance for 4 former employees had been returned.

Ms. Lulue said all the money was returned.

Councilman Huete said the Mayor said it was a refund, but the Police Dept. has been paying less for the insurance so it was not a refund.

Mr. Buras said the money goes back to the line item of health insurance.

Councilman Wheeler said the insurance was paid for employees who had left and the \$21,000 should still be there if it was never paid.

Fire Chief St. Cyr explained the proper budget procedure to the council.

Ms. Lulue said that all health insurance line items were underfunded and at the last council meeting, the council only allocated half of the money needed to finish the year and that the Police Dept. still needs \$28,000 to finish the year.

Chief Walker said that he still needs copies of invoices and the Mayor did not offer an ordinance to correct the problem. He still wants Ms. Lulue to pay for the cars from the payroll line item.

Ms. Lulue said that it could not be done that way, an ordinance is needed to move the money.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mayor Miceli addressed Chief Walker's complaints. The emergency management meeting was called by Jefferson Parish and she decided to have a conference call with them so that all the staff could hear it first hand. Keith Connolly said that this was an infrastructure meeting – when hurricane Harvey was far out. She has a staff meeting every Monday morning but the Chief refuses to attend. After the conference call there were several meetings that the Chief was invited to, but did not attend.

Councilman Huete said that explanation made zero sense.

Mayor Miceli continued & said they met every single day for a week about Harvey and all communications included everyone.

She addressed the appearance bond issue with the auditor and the city attorney – and Mr. Buras issued an 8 page legal opinion about the appearance bond fees. It said that of the \$15 - \$13 is appropriated for law enforcement purposes and \$2 goes to the state and if the defendant is acquitted the fee is returned to them.

Mr. Buras said an audit must be conducted to find out if the defendant was acquitted in which case the fee is returned and to see how many acquittals have happened. The opinion was sent to the Chief and the Mayor. The municipal code was amended in 2001 and a section dealing with the fee was deleted. He can only read what is in the law – not what the council intended. Mr. Buras then explained that only persons arrested who post bond should pay the fee. The latest 5th circuit pronouncement is that the fee is used to defray the cost of picking up someone who doesn't show up for court. If the defendant is arrested and has 5 charges – only one appearance bond can be charged if all charges are heard at the same time. Stacking charges for each charge is not allowed.

Councilman Wheeler asked if the money is being collected where is it.

Ms. Lulue replied that it's in the court dept. under fines and forfeitures – \$11,550. She spoke to CRI to define what can be collected.

Councilman Johnston asked where is the money going.

Ms. Lulue repeated that the money is currently in the court line item – the section saying it goes to the police dept. was eliminated.

Mr. Buras agreed that the money is not dedicated because the section was eliminated in Municode when the amendment was adopted.

Councilman Huete asked about the process to correct the situation.

Mr. Buras said as of right now, the money goes to the general fund since the municipal code does not have a section to dedicate the money. An ordinance is needed to correct the situation.

Mayor Miceli said that no department is self-sufficient – all monies have to be divided to all departments - money has to be budgeted from the general fund. The fees for the fire department do not support the department.

Councilman Wheeler said the court budget was decreased because revenues were not coming in.

Mayor Miceli said that in previous years the police dept. brought in over \$700,000 – now we are lucky if they bring in \$200,000.

Mr. Buras said that the money can't be released until the charges are adjudicated to know how much should be returned to defendants. He will investigate other courts to see how they handle the situation.

Mayor Miceli said that she cannot sign a check without finding out whether it is appropriate and the legislature stated that the police chief cannot write checks on the asset forfeiture fund. CRI also stated that the chief cannot write checks from this fund. She sent a private email to the Chief about this and had no reply. As far as the cars are concerned, she pulled the Doyle case and read the case. The money referred to was the capital money that was put as a lump sum in the Capital Budget they adopted. The case said that the chief could spend it the way he wanted because there were no line items in the capital budget. She also noted that the administration had higher amounts in the line items in 1996 than the council gave her for 2017. She noted that contingency funds were allocated to all departments in 1996, however, the council allocated no contingency funds in the 2017 budget. She noted that Chief Walker had \$180,000 from Councilman Paul Johnston for new cars, but that did not cover the cost of all the cars. Chief Walker wanted Ms. Lulue to cut a check for the cars from the salary line item. Ms. Lulue does not cut nor sign checks – he was told that a budget amendment was needed to move funds, however the police dept. is estimated to be over budget in the salary line item by \$89,000.

Richard Kittok, Harahan Sr. Center thanked citizens for donating to the center's thrift shop.

Robert Johnson, Riverside Dr

John Rhiem Repass

Evelyn Rhiem, Repass

Sharon Sagastume, Hickory Ave.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Eddie Gregory, Marquette

Lionel Dubier, East

Herb Swallow, Carolyn Dr.

Chief Tim Walker

Councilman Huete offered a motion to extend Chief Walker's time.

The Mayor called a recess at 10:08 pm

The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 10:20 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, of the August 17, 2017 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 Benton offered a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017 meeting. No second, minutes not approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, of the August 16, 2017 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 accept the August 16, 2017 minutes seconded by Councilman Benton.

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

YEAS: Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Councilman Benton offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, of the September 6, 2017 minutes 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

Councilman Benton offered a motion to accept the minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Baudier

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18 deferred from August

The clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

This Resolution was proposed by Councilman Wheeler

Attorney General opinion request in reference to contracts.

The council questioned the legality of the Ramelli contract at the June meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Benton to amend Line 30 of the Resolution to change from the date of Aug. 17th to Sept. 21st.

Change date on Line 30 to Sept. 21st

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION AMENDED

The Public Hearing was opened.

Jason Bruzik said the resolution was far too broad. He asked Councilman Wheeler to change it and I don't see it and stated it was not attached to the packet or put on line.

Councilman Wheeler said it was changed.

Councilman Benton read the stated question for Councilman Wheeler who had lost her voice.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Council Discussion:

None

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to proceed with the vote to adopt the Resolution.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Mr. Buras said it will be forwarded to the AG tomorrow.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2017-20

This Resolution was proposed unanimously by the Council.

A Resolution to accept a DOTD Transportation Alternative Program Grant in the amount of \$338,763.00 with a 20% match to work toward a more balanced transportation system that includes pedestrians and bicyclists as well as the motoring public.

The clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

The Public Hearing was opened.

No one spoke.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Council Discussion:

Councilman Johnston asked if the matching 20% is above the amount granted or is it included.

Ms. Lulue responded that typically we have to show how we matched the money and that can be done within the budget process – there are 3 years in which to do the work and come up with the 20%.

Councilman Wheeler said the envelope was date stamped on Sept. 18th but emailed to the council 48 hours later. She also complained that they don't get the agenda until the day before.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adopt the resolution.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-16 – Referred to Planning & Zoning Board

The Planning & Zoning Board had no quorum at their Sept. meeting.

This ordinance was proposed by Councilman Baudier and seconded by Councilman Huete.

An Ordinance approving the Re-zoning of 6915 Jefferson Highway, Lots, 5-4, 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.

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

The resolution is automatically deferred - awaiting Planning and Zoning Board decision.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-26 – Deferred 8/17/17

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)
Councilman Wheeler withdrew the ordinance.**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-27

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler.

The Clerk read the Ordinance by Title only.

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

Mr. Buras said the Civil Service Board wants to pass their own rules.

Councilman Wheeler offered a motion to defer to the October meeting seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: Benton

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE DEFERRED

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING

PROPOSED ORD. NO. 2017-28

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston

An Ordinance to amend and re-ordain Section 78-44 of the Harahan Municipal Code by adding thereto a new subsection to be designated subsection (e) to provide for the imposition of a charge for residential curbside recycling services and to otherwise provided with respect thereto.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-29

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton

As mandated by LSA-R.S. 39:1305, to fund for the projected complete year of Dues/Fees/Memberships/Subscriptions 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-30

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Benton

An Ordinance to amend and re-ordain Ordinance 1333, specifically, Section XI (B) (13) of Appendix A of the Code of the City of Harahan, relative to square footage allowable by the City of Harahan for general retail services in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2017-31

This Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston

As mandated by LSA- R.S. 39:1305, to fund 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.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mayor Miceli said that most ordinances revolve around zoning and budget. Mr. Buras suggested a sub-committee – the board should represent the entire city – people who can make educated decisions and represent all walks of life. This affects their lives and their homes which is their greatest investment. Trashing the people who put their names up for a board on social media is not appropriate. The Master Plan says Harahan is a bedroom community – she asked the board to consider some of the people she has put up for the boards.

Councilman Baudier said he speaks for the majority of the council – 3 things - the Mayor was on the planning & zoning board and did not make the meetings; tried to have common ground swapping nominations so the council could nominate; the Mayor removed Pat Peppo because he was against Teri Valenti & the Mayor does not like him; Mayor playing unfairly – one person she nominated questioned whether the city should be unincorporated – what is the Mayor’s agenda – is she trying to sabotage Harahan. We 4 councilmen are fighting for the city – would never nominate someone who wants to unincorporate the City. He brought up Councilman Benton’s email about unincorporation.

Councilman Benton – explained that her email was written out of frustration – the council bastardized the C-1 classification.

Councilman Wheeler quoted La. law concerning nominations and the Mayor said that the Attorney General’s opinion stated that the Mayor had the right to nominate and the council appointed.

Councilman Johnston asked Mr. Buras his opinion.

**A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Huete nominating Tommy Budde for the zoning board
Councilman Wheeler called for the vote.**

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

The Mayor nominated Gerry Gelpi.

Motion by Councilman Benton seconded by Councilman Johnston to replace Mr. Mara.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Johnston

NAYS: Huete, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

The Mayor asked for a motion to removed Deborah Nash from the board for lack of attendance.

Motion by Councilman Benton seconded by Councilman Huete to remove Deborah Nash from the board for cause.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

2. Ramelli Contract –

Jason Bruzik – Stoneleigh – has looked at the amendment & pertinent law – he believes the council has power to nullify the amendment to save \$36,000 – he said contracts were signed in secret – if you want to wait for AG opinion – they will have months of consistency and they let us run without problems, they waited for the AG opinion – he doesn't think it is good policy – better option to say no - we are not going to let this happen – not going to let the mayor run things this way, we reject the amendment. Buras willing to go to war about this topic. Let's let him do it. \$36,000 signed in secret and nobody knew about that – we can't have that – asked since it was signed – stop it – don't let it go forward – don't know what Ramelli has – the contract – he does not understand it – how did he get the \$36,000 amendment which should have been included in the original contract. I understand that it is a per unit fee. The amendment makes no sense except for hurting our pockets – pass the costs on to the citizens – I don't want to pay that \$36,000, I need that money for Christmas. That money you are asking for should have never been allocated. He asked the council to shoot it down. I think it should be voided.

Mr. Buras – he is thinking through what Mr. Bruzik said – if the council thinks the contract should be voided they should hire their own lawyer to sue and invalidate the contract. As city legal officer – the amendment is contingent to original contract says that it is on a per unit basis – with periodic accounts of residential & commercial units because he is paid by the unit. The city's count controls the contract. Mr. Bruzik nor does any citizen does not have any standing to sue – he was not a bidder – it is incumbent upon the council to hire a lawyer to sue the Mayor. He is not going to advise the Mayor to fail to follow the terms of the contract by withholding payment – Ramelli would sue and they would stop picking up the garbage. It is incumbent on the council to hire a lawyer and sue the mayor and I will defend the city.

Councilman Baudier has one question - conflict of interest – he said the Mayor is in business with Ramelli.

Mr. Buras said he should go to the ethics board – he will research whether the contract would be null & void. Case law says they are Service contracts – the due process was the standard RFP process. Mr. Bruzik, through a records request, was given all the documents. His opinion is that the contract is a unit contract – the problem that Mr. Ramelli was picking up more garbage than he bargained for – the city did a record search to determine how many units in the city. There was conflict about the number of cans. It is a per unit, per garbage can contract. The city is subsidizing the garbage contract because the fees are not paying for the actual cost. The city has never actually charged the citizens what the garbage contract costs. He thinks this is much ado about nothing – but it is your prerogative to hire a lawyer and sue the Mayor.

Councilman Baudier - \$36,000 is a slap in the face but it is salt in the wound – we found out after the fact.

Mr. Buras – here's the memo inviting you to participate and you didn't participate or object.

Councilman Wheeler – objected that any official should sit in on the RFP board process and why was it done by RFP and not public bid.

Mr. Buras – I did not see your objection

Councilman Wheeler – her opinion is that no elected official should be involved in this process. It's best to remove yourself from the process.

It was provided a week after the contract was signed. No communication that the amendment was being done.

Mr. Buras said I didn't participate in the original contract but I did participate in the amendment.

Mayor Miceli said that Ramelli met with the council.

Councilman Wheeler – Ramelli said he is picking up more trash – they asked what they want. – He asked for \$48,000 or he would leave the trash on the street. She said that was not a decision they could make.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Adrienne Jouet is requesting permission to host a block party on Magnolia Blvd. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. She is requesting the street be closed from Jefferson Hwy. to the middle of Magnolia Blvd. from 6:00 pm until 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Miceli asked Chief Walker if he had made arrangements for the event. Chief Walker answered he has two police officer scheduled for the function. A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler 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. Ms. Adrienne Jouet, President of the Knights of Columbus Women's Auxiliary is requesting permission to sell beer and wine at the 6th Annual Fall Family Fest on Friday, October 20, 2017 from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm in the St. Rita School parking lot.

Mayor Miceli asked Chief Walker if he had prepared for this event.

Chief Walker replied he has 1 police officer.

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

Councilman Baudier said it is really Trunk or Treat.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. The GOT (Got Our Troops) Foundation is requesting permission to hold their first annual Poker Tournament at the VFW Post 3267, located at 1133 Hickory Ave., on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 6 pm to 11 pm. Alcohol will be served.

Mayor Miceli asked if the city could authorize gambling.

Councilman Johnston said that they are granting permission for the alcohol.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Baudier 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

4. Harahan Athletic Association is requesting permission to sell beer at their Jambalaya Cook-off/Car Show on Saturday, Nov. 4th from 12 pm to 5 pm. A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Johnston to grant permission.

Councilman Wheeler gave the details of the event.

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

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh concerning the bond appearance fund and obvious clerical error in 2001 – it was an administrative effort – there should be something in the law to go back and make a clarification.

Mr. Buras you cannot on deletions of entire sections.

Bond Appearance Fund is not recurring – it's like grant money, you don't budget because you don't know if you will receive it. When you get it, it should go directly to the intended person. If it has to be repaid – it's a simple process. Spent an 1 hr. and 15 minutes about accounting errors – an hour and an hour and a half talking about errors – this could be done in the normal course of business by professionals. To have it done at a council meeting – it is not professional – not acceptable – Chief should have questions answered in a timely matter – anything else is unprofessional. It's a waste of time and money and our resources – how can it exist month after month.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for August, 2017

Total revenue \$638,430.49.

REPORTS

Chief Walker read his statistics for August, 2017

Chief St. Cyr – no report

Councilman Huete – no report

Councilman Johnston – no report

Councilman Baudier – no report

Councilman Wheeler – no report

Councilman Benton – no report

Mayor Miceli – gave a special thank you to Chief St. Cyr for his actions since she took office and for his actions during the recent emergency.

Chief St. Cyr – thanked the Mayor for the compliment – he enjoys working for the city – we were preparing for several emergencies – it was a good dry run and find our problems and fix them. We were on top of all potential problems.

PAY BILLS –

Bill's paid in August, 2017

Total expenditures \$387,688.29.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 pm.

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 11:40 p.m.

- 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:**
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