

**City of Harahan
6437 Jefferson Highway
Mayor and Harahan City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018**

Date: May 16, 2018

Time: 7:32 pm

Mayor Miceli opened the Meeting at 7:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – City Clerk

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.

Absent: Fire Chief St. Cyr and Finance Director Linda Lulue.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 28th. This holiday commemorates all the men and women who have died in military service for the United States. During this solemn holiday please keep all past and present military service members in our thoughts and prayers and thank them for providing us the freedoms we enjoy. There is a lot of travel that occurs on this weekend so please be extra careful during Memorial weekend.

She also asked for a moment of silence for Richard Kittok's father who passed away recently. Mr. Kittok is the Chairman of the Appeals Board and has volunteered his time and treasure to our community for years.

Discussion followed about a Woodlawn building permit for a sub-standard lot.

The Mayor announced the following updates on the following engineering projects in the city.

Pump Station 8 Rehabilitation Project. Work within the pump station by Fleming Construction is complete. Street repairs to begin the week of May 21st. Ninth Street will be closed again for about 1-week. By-Pass pump should be removed from operation by June 8th.

Sewer Pipeline Repairs – Gulf Coast Underground. Contractor continues to work on yard restoration and clean-up throughout the project. Only two pipe repairs remain to be completed, one on Wilson near Soniat and the second behind 7701 Wilson. All concrete street repairs are complete. We have been promised that Wilson between Gordon and Roseland will be repaired this week. Substantial completion should be achieved this month, with final completion and restorations completing in mid-June.

Street Resurfacing Project. Design for street resurfacing along VFW, Kielman, Prados, Marquette and East St.'s. has been completed. "Piggy-Back" Contract with Barriere Construction is being signed this week (Jefferson Parish's Annual Asphalt Contractor). Work will be performed between June 4th and August 3rd.

Pump Station 6 Rehabilitation and Rerouting. The design work is on schedule for completion in May with Bidding in June. Construction work should begin in July and be complete by late 2018. This is the final contract to be funded by the State Clean Water Construction Program.

She also announced that after recent conversations with Fire Chief St. Cyr and Mr. Bose of the DEQ, she was informed the investigation into odor problems in the Harahan and River Ridge areas are not yet complete but should be completed

shortly. Once the investigation is complete, Fire Chief St. Cyr will provide our community with those results.

A motion was made by Councilman Benton, seconded by Councilman Johnston to amend the agenda to add the following under New Business as No. 6. Permission for the Jefferson Commerce Tour de Jefferson Bike Ride to pass through the city on October 20, from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Benton, seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the agenda to add Proposed Ordinance 2018-7 as No. 2 under Ordinances for Introduction.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to add Proposed Ordinance 2018-6 which amends 1845 as No. 3 under Ordinances for Introduction.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Johnston to amend the agenda to add Ordinance 2018-5 accepting funds from Jefferson Parish for the HPD under Ordinance for first reading.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2018-6 accepting funds from Jefferson Parish for the HPD under Resolutions as number 2.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Jimmy Pretlove, Emergency Management - Mr. Pretlove gave his annual report concerning hurricane preparation and evacuation plans.

2. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison

Ms. Schwartz announced several fund raises & events and the date for the city tax sale.

3. Current State of the Harahan Police Department

Chief Walker thanked the 63% of those who voted for passing the millage. He announced that 57 lbs. of drugs had been turned in for Drug Take Back Day. He continued to complain about the financials & audit. He wished everyone a happy & safe summer.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Pat Milam, 9 Erin Ct.

Eric Chatelain – Colonial Club

Chris – lives at the Creeks – music complaint

Chief Walker answered the complaint.

Natasha Frazier – Oak Creek Road – music complaint

Erin Lyons – the Creeks – music complaint

Hubert Jarrow, Jr. – the Creeks – music complaint

Lindsey Capdepon, Haroleans

Gerald Herbert, Murlesan

Barbara Bonner, Colonial Club Dr.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

Evelyn Rheim – Rypass

John Rheim – Rypass

Tim McTee, Berkley

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Rena Sanders – Oak Ave

Joe Barbara – Woodlawn

The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess at 9:30 pm

The meeting was called back to order at 9:39 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 19, 2018 council meeting 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 April 19, 2018 council meeting seconded by Councilman Johnston

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

YEAS: Benton, Johnston

NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION FAILS

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board of Adjustments and Appeals did not meet in April, 2018.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Baudier to defer the reading and approval of the May 2, 2018 Planning & Zoning meeting minutes.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2018-4

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Johnston.

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

A Resolution accepting an in-kind donation of playground equipment, for the benefits of the children of Harahan, through the Recreation Dept., from The Computer Geeks etc.

Open Hearing

Jason Asbill, 573 OK Ave.

Council Discussion - None

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Baudier to amend the Resolution by adding the \$5,000 donation from the HAA to replace 2 benches and 2 picnic tables and adding Soniat Playground to the Resolution.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Benton to adopt the resolution as amended.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-5

The Resolution was proposed unanimously by the council.

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

A Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, on Saturday April 18, 2018 to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

Open Hearing - None

Council Discussion - None

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adopt the Resolution as stated.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-6

This Resolution was proposed unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

A Resolution accepting funds from the Parish of Jefferson in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) to assist the Harahan Police Dept. in the purchase of equipment and supplies to be used in the department's crime prevention efforts in the furtherance of effective law enforcement and protection promoting the health and safety.

Public Hearing - None

Council Discussion - None

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. 2018-1 (Deferred 4/19/2018)

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

The City Clerk read the ordinance by title only.

An Ordinance relating to asphalt repairs around the City of Harahan to be performed during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018. (\$100,000)

PUBLIC HEARING

**E.J. Krause, Soniat
Eric Chatelain, Colonial Club Dr.**

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Johnston offered a motion, seconded by Councilman Benton to amend the ordinance to delete lines 15 thru 17 and change line 21 to \$81,000 instead of \$100,000 and to change the Line item changed to 341-4-115-40920 highways and streets maintenance capital.

The Mayor called for the vote to amend, 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

ORDINANCE ADOPTED AS AMENDED

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 4

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston.

The City Clerk read it by title only.

An Ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 4 and 5, Square A, Riverside Subdivision, and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Square A, Jefferson Park Manor Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, made by Gilbert, Kelly & Couturie', Inc., dated April 17, 2018.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-5

The following Ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler.

The City Clerk read it by title only.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1845, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 21, 2018, for the Recreation Department, Capital Project Fund, of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-6

The following Ordinance was proposed unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read it by title only.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1845, the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018, for the Harahan Police Department Capital Project Fund of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-7

The following Ordinance was proposed unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read it by title only.

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1841, the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018, for the Recreation Dept. of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

Councilman Johnston asked about the list of drain cleanings.

Mayor Miceli requested that Calvin Hoppmeyer on the June agenda for an update under Special Presentations as No. 1.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ramelli Contract (trash pick-up issues, community recycling, etc.) (Deferred 4/19/18)
Councilman Wheeler complained that the Mayor never answered her questions or the citizens' questions also. She also complained that citizens are not allowed to ask questions. She wants the citizens to question the Mayor concerning the contract.

Councilman Baudier offered a motion to amend the agenda to go to address the council seconded by Councilman Huete.

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

Jason Asbill, OK Ave.

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Robert Johnson, Riverside Dr.

Eric Chatelain – Colonial Club Dr.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

Andrew Case, Ashborne

NEW BUSINESS Continued

2. Low Content ABO application for Just 4 Him, Harahan, LLC, located at 1640 Hickory Ave., Suite B, for James Cantrelle, II.

Chief Walker said all city and state requirements have been satisfied.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Baudier to grant the ABO.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. Mr. Tim McTee is requesting permission to hold a 5K race on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. The route begins at Arceneaux Field, heads up and down Generes Dr., and ends at Arceneaux Field.

Chief Walker said that he suggested the route be along Generes because he doesn't have enough manpower to handle all the intersections on Colonial Club Dr. and with that proviso all arrangements have been made for this event. Let the residents know the day before.

Eric Chatelain, Colonial Club Dr. offered the golf cart to residents who park at the playground.

A motion 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. Planning & Zoning & Appeals Board nominations.

The Mayor nominated Tommy Budde, who was filling a 1 yr. unexpired term, for his first 5 year term beginning this May, 2018 until May, 2023 on the Planning & Zoning Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Benton to appoint Mr. Budde.

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 Lawrence Jouet, whose term ended in May, 2017, for a 5 year term from May, 2017 until May, 2022 on the Appeals Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Baudier seconded by Councilman Johnston to appoint Mr. Jouet.

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 Guy Lavin, who's term ended May, 2018, for a 5 year term beginning May, 2018 until May, 2023 on the Appeals Board.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Baudier to appoint Mr. Lavin.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

5. Notice of Public Meeting:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, plans to consider a resolution adopting ad valorem tax millages for 2018 at its meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, 6437 Jefferson Hwy., Harahan, Louisiana.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing

No one spoke

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing

6. Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

The Jefferson Chamber of Commerce is seeking permission to allow the Tour de Jefferson Bike Ride to pass through the city on October 21, 2018 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Chief Walker said all provisions had been made for the event.

Motion was made by Councilman Johnston, 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

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Eric Chatelain, Colonial Club Dr.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

Jason Bruzik, Stoneleigh

Melissa Taylor, Oak Ave.

Jason Asbill, Posey

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for April, 2018

Total revenue \$884,468.11.

REPORTS

Chief Walker did not have a report – records clerk out sick.

Chief St. Cyr - absent

Councilman Huete – no report

Councilman Johnston – no report

Councilman Baudier – honesty, integrity and ability to work with others

Councilman Benton – no report

Councilman Wheeler – no report

Mayor Miceli – have a wonderful Memorial Day and wished her mother a Happy Mothers Day.

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in April, 2018

Total expenditures \$821,794.14

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Benton to adjourn at 10:54 p.m.

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 10:54 p.m.

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"**

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: