

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

Date: January 17, 2019

Time: 7:30 P.M.

**Mayor Baudier opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Clerk.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Asbill, Councilman Budde, Councilman Chatelain, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Mayor Baudier, Police Chief Walker, Fire Chief St. Cyr and City Clerk Nicole Lee

**Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to remove Gilbert Buras as City Attorney.
A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler.**

The Mayor 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 appoint Nicole Lee as City Clerk and Tax Collector.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

The Mayor 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 move to Special Presentations.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison**
- 2. Current State of the Harahan Police Department**

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

- 1. Dale Simoneaux**
- 2. Judy Johnson**
- 3. Kelly Kuchler**
- 4. Kirk Talbot**
- 5. Michelle Gaffo**
- 6. Billy North**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 15, 2018.

A motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on November 15, 2018.
A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Asbill.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

Reading of the Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Hearing on December 6, 2018.
A motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Budde.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting/Budget Hearing on December 6, 2018.
A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston
NAYS: Asbill, Wheeler
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

Reading of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on December 20, 2018.
A motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting on December 20, 2018.
A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Budde.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Budde, Chatelain, Johnston
NAYS: Asbill, Wheeler
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

COMMUNICATIONS

There were not enough board members present for a quorum for the December 12, 2018 Appeals Board meeting.

Reading of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board on December 5, 2018.
A motion to dispense with reading of the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.
Mayor Baudier called for the vote, it was as follows:
YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION PASSES

**Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Board on December 5, 2018.
A motion to approve the minutes was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Budde.**

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston

NAYS: Wheeler

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 15 (Deferred 11/15/2018)

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Baudier and seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1841, the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018, for the Police Department of the City of Harahan, Louisiana. (Forensic Audit)

Motion by Councilman Budde and seconded by Councilman Chatelain to open public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Police Chief Tim Walker

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to close public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Johnston

Councilman Chatelain

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Chatelain to defer ordinance to the February 21, 2019 council meeting.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES, ORDINANCE DEFERRED

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 23

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

An Ordinance providing that the Harahan Municipal Code be supplemented to fix the amount of compensation of the Municipal Officer of the City of Harahan as required by L.R.S. 33:381A.

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Budde to open public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mae Jean Cazenave

Motion by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Budde to close public hearing.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Councilman Asbill

Councilman Budde

Councilman Johnston

Mayor Baudier

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

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES, ORDINANCE PASSES

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (FIRST READING)

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 18

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 1333, Harahan Zoning Ordinance, Section XVIII – C. Substandard lots of record.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 24

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Wheeler

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

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 26

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Chatelain

An Ordinance granting a Franchise to MCIMETRO Access Transmission Corp. D/B/A: Verizon Access Transmission Services to lay, maintain and operate a fiber optic transmission cable for the transmission of telephonic, data and other electronic messages in, on, and/or across public places or ways and prescribing conditions and limitations.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 1

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill

An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harahan to establish provisions with respect to conduct at public meetings of the City.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 2

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PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 3

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill

An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harahan to establish provisions with respect to the commencement time of regular meetings of the City Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 4

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Asbill

An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Harahan to establish provisions with respect to order of business at meetings of the City Council.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 5

The following ordinance was proposed by Councilman Johnston

An Ordinance adopting the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2019 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Monthly Financials with Budget to Actual Comparisons

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to remove item from agenda.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

2. Planning and Zoning Board nomination – Ms. Darlene Schwartz (to replace Mr. Tommy Budde)

Motion by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Johnston to table Planning and Zoning Board nomination.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

3. 2019 Holiday Calendar

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adopt the 2019 holiday calendar.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

4. Harahan Elementary would like to respectfully request the Council to consider either a donation or a substantial discounted price to reserve Harahan Gym for their annual Mardi Gras Ball on February 16, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler for Harahan Elementary to rent Harahan Gym for \$1.00.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

5. Appointment of City Clerk/Tax Collector

(This agenda item was moved to the beginning of the agenda below Roll Call)

6. Appointment of City Attorney

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Budde to defer to February 21, 2019 council meeting.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

7. Appointment of City Magistrate

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint Tiffany Scot-Wilken as the City Magistrate.

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

8. Appointment of City Prosecutor

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint David Courcelle as the City Prosecutor.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

9. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint Councilman Eric Chatelain as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2019.

Motion by Councilman Wheeler, seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

10. Appointment of City Department Heads

(Maintenance Director, Recreation Director, Regulatory Director)

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint Edwin Lauricella as the City Maintenance Director.

Motion by Councilman Budde, seconded by Councilman Chatelain.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint Stu Foley as the City Recreation Director.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

Mayor Baudier asked for a motion to appoint Jeff Charlet as the City Regulatory Director.

Motion by Councilman Chatelain, seconded by Councilman Budde.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

1. Erica Parrack

2. Tina Hunter

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for November, 2018

Total revenue \$478,845.63

Secretary's report for December, 2018

Total revenue \$309,425.64

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 December, 2018

Total checks cut \$1,035,191.07

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Motion by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

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

YEAS: Asbill, Budde, Chatelain, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION PASSES

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:

Submitted by:



Nicole Lee, City Clerk