

CITY OF HARAHAH
6437 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, HARAHAH, LOUISIANA
MAYOR AND HARAHAH CITY COUNCIL
June 24, 2015 Special Meeting

The Mayor and the Council met on the above date for a special meeting at 7:30 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Miceli, Councilman Baudier, Councilman Benton, Councilman Huete, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Municipal Clerk Nicole Lee, Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr, Police Chief Tim Walker, City Attorney Tommy Anzelmo, Jr.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mae Jean Cazena, Oak Ave. stated that this meeting was called to adopt the budget because it was deferred at the Regular Meeting. She requested that no special meetings be called because it is not very transparent. She noted that the Fire and Police Depts. are underfunded in the proposed budget. She asked which dept. will be further cut to accomplish giving the councilmen insurance. She suggested that any additional monies should go to Fire and Police.

Louella Lang, Oak Ave. spoke on the resubdivision of a 120' lot in the 900 block of Oak. She suggested that the lots must be subdivided legally. There is a conflict of interest when a best friend is asked to create a substandard lot for his best friend. These lots should be in compliance with Ordinance 1333. After speaking with realtors she felt, the tax assessment on 2 – 60 ft. lots with family homes would be more that 3 – 40 ft. lots. The Zoning Ordinance is being shoved under the rug to grant favors to “the good old boy network’s friends”. We can’t change the past – but we can protect our city by abiding by the Zoning Ordinance.

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL (PUBLIC HEARING)

The following Ordinance was introduced by **Councilman Wheeler** and seconded by **Councilman Huete**.

The city clerk read the ordinance in its entirety.

1. An Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing. **Johnston/Wheeler**

No one spoke.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing. **Johnston/Wheeler**

Board Discussion:

Councilman Johnston stated that hopefully the city can give more money for the Police and Fire Depts. at a later date.

The mayor called for a vote. The vote was as follows:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

ADDRESS COUNCIL

Chief Walker – said thank you.

Barbara Butera – asked what is different in the budget tonight than from the last regular meeting.

Robert Heinz said there were resignations that affected the budget – annual leave had to be paid. Those were the only changes.

Ms. Butera said this could have been adopted at the Regular Meeting without a Special Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by **Councilman Baudier** and seconded by **Councilman Benton** to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

The Mayor called for a vote. The vote was:

YEAS: Baudier, Benton, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

Tina Miceli, Mayor

Nicole Lee, Municipal Clerk

A. The following matter involving pending litigation may be considered:

- 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. Susanne K. Scalise vs. City of Harahan, LA, Anne Gordon, Louise Slayden, Ronald Gordon, Gail Gordon; 24th JDC, Case 744-986, Div. "O".**

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: