

**City of Harahan
6437 Jefferson Highway
Mayor and Harahan City Council
Council Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2018**

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The July 19, 2018 Minutes
prepared by Ms. Judy Johnson
were not approved by the
Council.
VOTE: 2 yeas, 3 nays
Nicole Lee, City Clerk

Date: July 19, 2018

Time: 7:30 pm

Mayor Miceli opened the Meeting at 7:33 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The temporary City Clerk led the pledge of allegiance.

The temporary City Clerk called the roll.

In Attendance were:

Mayor Miceli, Councilman Baudier, Councilman Huete, Councilman Johnston, Councilman Wheeler, Police Chief Walker; City Attorney Gilbert Buras

Absent: City Clerk Nicole Lee, Councilman Benton, Fire Chief St. Cyr, Linda Lulue

The Mayor announced that Harahan has been named the No. 1 Best Place to live. She stated that the city, parish & state are coordinating mobile units and stationary units that have vacuum canisters to capture the odor to be sent for examination. Citizens can now use 911 to report the odor and the mobile units will be sent out to monitor wind direction & strength of the odor.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Amedeo who have a new baby girl.

Audit is finished – the city has a total fund surplus of \$1,344,221. For 2017 with a general fund surplus of \$391,413 for 2017. There has also been a significant decrease in the city's debt.

John Kennedy's office has been generous with loaning his assistant Mary Schlesinger & is offering help to the city.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Councilman Wheeler seconded by Councilman Johnston at 7:39 pm.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

The meeting was called back to order at 8:05 pm.

A motion to amend the agenda to include Jack Capella as number 1 Under Special Presentations was made by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Huete.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Jack Capella – J&W Colonial – he has received phone calls about work on Colonial. Temporary fence has been installed because the pond is being drained to protect the area and they are working to move the dirt. He offered an apology for the inconvenience and said a construction fence will be used around the equipment. Mayor Miceli said the stationary unit was to be located at Colonial but the Parish changed their mind. Mr. Capella continued - Wainwright entrance will be opened to alleviate traffic on Colonial Club Dr. He asked the people to avoid the area where they are working. He thanked the HPD who came out about a gas leak – the gas meter has been pulled and electrical issues have been found. The Blake hired the contractor, but JW Colonial is the ultimate responsible entity. Mr. Capella said the port-a-potties will be moved.

2. Darlene Schwartz, Community Liaison

The Heros in Action event will be held at the Kamp this Saturday, July 21st at noon with t-shirts to be given away to the first 150 patrons. Proceeds are going to the first responders in the area. She also said that un-attended kids are playing on the streets and she asked that parents keep an eye on their children. The Mayor asked everyone to wear their helmets while riding bikes. The date for Drug Take Back Day in October will be announced soon. Rite Aid will be changed to Walgreens but they said they will still participate.

3. Current State of the Harahan Police Department – Chief Walker introduced Special Agent of N.O. Field Office for Drug Enforcement – Michael Tabor – Mr. Tabor presented certificates of appreciation to Nick Gleber, Dave Darwin & Thomas Bronk for their work with DEA. On Jan. 16, 2016 they responded to a domestic dispute at the home of Dr. Lea Fricke – Thomas Bronk was first on the scene and was met by Mr. Osborne who grabbed a weapon and was arrested. Katy Sinclair was also found on the premises with drugs and drug paraphernalia. They were charged with drug and weapon possession. In May, 2016 Dr. Fricke's medical license suspended and she was also arrested in Tangiphoa Parish. She was committed as mentally disturbed and her medical license was revoked. She faces a 12 count indictment from Jefferson Parish but she is on the run. They are acknowledging the help of the HPD and the officers.

Chief Walker continued his report saying that school will open in a few weeks – watch for school zones. Packages have been taken from porches – call police about questionable persons. Make sure house numbers are prominently displayed on the house.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

A motion was made by Councilman Johnston seconded by Councilman Wheeler to give everyone 5 minutes instead of 3 minutes.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

Clay Cangelosi – Hero's In Action Day

Teri Valenti, Colonial Club Dr.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh

Paulette Zeringue, Crislaur

Andrew Case, Ashbourne

Evelyn Rhiem, Renpass

John Rheim, Renpass

Mae Jean Cazenave, Oak Ave.

Nick Curole, Prados

Eric Chatelain, Colonial Club Dr.

Chief Tim Walker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the June 21, 2018 council meeting seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Johnston offered a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2018 council meeting seconded by Councilman Baudier.

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

YEAS: Johnston
NAYS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler
ABSENT: Benton
MOTION FAILS

COMMUNICATIONS

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

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Planning & Zoning meeting seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

Councilman Wheeler offered a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2018 council meeting as approved by Chairman Mike Amedeo seconded by Councilman Johnston.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2018-9

1. A Resolution for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Infrastructure Program Funding.

This Resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING - None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION -

Councilman Wheeler said this work was done in 2016 and asked if the contractor had been paid.

The Mayor said the effluent pumps were replaced with LaGap money and this was necessary to receive reimbursement.

A motion was offered by Councilman Wheeler and seconded by Councilman Baudier to defer until the August meeting.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

This Resolution was offered by Councilman Johnston

A resolution calling for a special meeting of the Council for the City of Harahan to address financial audits, city finances, audit irregularities, and other issues related to the finances for the City of Harahan.

The City Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING - Chief Walker - asked that the City Finance Director be in attendance.

Jason Asbill, Ashbourne said that it should be required that they appear.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to remove the item to the special meeting to be held on August 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Councilman Wheeler asked to have Monthly Financials with Budget to Actual Comparisons as listed under New Business be presented at the Special Meeting.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Baudier to add a Section 3 to the resolution – to discuss monthly financials with budget to actual comparisons.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Baudier to hold the meeting on July 26 at 7:30 pm.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

This Resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.

A Resolution appointing Michelle Gonzales to the Jefferson Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee to represent the City of Harahan, designating the composition and duties of the committee, and providing for related matters.

The City Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

PUBLIC HEARING - none

COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Councilman Johnston asked if this is a requirement.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to approve the appointment.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 8

This ordinance was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

An Ordinance to place a “Do not enter when flooded” sign on West Imperial Dr.

PUBLIC HEARING - Barbara Harney, Glenwood – why only 1 street – her street floods – water gets in the homes. This is not the only street that floods.

Tommy Budde, Stoneleigh – said this reminded him of the sign for school that says don’t enter during school hours – change to read no left/right turn during flooding.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION –

Councilman Johnston said he received a call about this and was asked to do this.

Councilman Baudier said that other streets need to be added to the list.

Mayor Miceli said that all signs need to be updated.

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston to defer the ordinance until the next regular meeting, seconded by Councilman Wheeler.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Huete, Johnston, Wheeler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Benton

MOTION PASSES

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-9

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Baudier.

An Ordinance approving for re-subdivision and re-zoning of Lots 1-8, Square B, Jefferson Park Manor Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, made by Gilbert, Kelly & Couturie', Inc., dated May 4, 2018.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2018-10

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Benton

An Ordinance to amend and re-enact Ordinance No. 1457, specifically, Section 1, whereas the City wishes to protect the City and its Contractural Magistrate and Judge so that fair-compensation is incurred and paid as due.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2018-11

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Benton

This proposed ordinance is serving as providing the Council with written notification as mandated by LSA-R.S. 39:1310, "that when there has been a change of operation upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change."

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2018-12

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Baudier

An Ordinance to establish provisions with respect to the distribution of solicited and unsolicited print matter, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2018-13

This Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Benton

An Ordinance relating to asphalt repairs around the City of Harahan to be performed during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Monthly Financials with Budget to Actual Comparisons

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Wheeler to amend the agenda to remove the item to the special meeting to be held on August 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

**Teri Valenti, Colonial Club Dr.
Jason Asbil, Posey
Tommy Budde – Stoneleigh**

SECRETARY'S REPORT

**Secretary's report for June, 2018
Total revenue \$577,055.75**

REPORTS

Chief Walker read his report for June, 2018.

Chief St. Cyr - absent

Councilman Huete – congratulated the candidates who qualified – can never be prepared for what you are going into. Trust yourself and maintain your integrity.

Councilman Johnston – air quality situation – press conference was postponed because DEQ could not come. Monday at 11 am – Town hall 6 pm at Yenni Council Chambers – appreciate your support as Councilman

Councilman Baudier – 8 years with Huete – long road – Colonial – tried to work hard – candidate called him today – don't be controlled – find the truth – he is running for Mayor – watch for kids

Councilman Benton - absent

Councilman Wheeler – hate being last – can't compete with their speeches – running for re-election. Wished everyone luck – don't let it get ugly.

Mayor Miceli – thanked everyone for their service & wished all candidates luck and asked that all citizens vote.

PAY BILLS

Bill's paid in June, 2018

Total expenditures \$863,402.13

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by Councilman Johnston and seconded by Councilman Wheeler to adjourn at 10:16 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 10:16 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: