

CITY OF HARAHAH
6437 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, HARAHAH, LOUISIANA
MAYOR AND HARAHAH CITY COUNCIL
August 21, 2014

The Mayor and the Council met on the above date for their regular meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mosca, Councilman Baudier, Councilman Chatelain, Councilman Huete, Councilman Landry, Councilman Murray, Municipal Clerk Nicole Lee, City Attorney David Courcelle, Police Chief Tim Walker, Steve Villavaso, City Planner.

Absent: Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

A.J. Boudreaux, Colonial Lane announced that he qualified for the office of Councilman of Harahan.

Michael Maxwell, Huntley Lane announced that he qualified for the office of Councilman of Harahan.

Johnny Lee, announced he is running for Judge of 1st Parish Court.

Craig Johnston, Gasper Place announced that he qualified for the office of Councilman of Harahan.

Pat McDaniel, Roseland Pkwy - Announced that he qualified for the office of Councilman of Harahan.

Police Chief Tim Walker announced that he qualified for the office of Police Chief. He will be doing the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Saturday morning at 9 am in front of the police dept. and he challenged the Mayor and Council to join him.

A motion to suspend the rules to take up New Business was offered by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Baudier**.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

1. **St. Rita Knights of Columbus** are requesting permission to hold an Octoberfest Fundraiser on October 11, 2014, from 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm. They would like to close off Columbus Ave. at both of the property line. They would also like to sell beer and wine at the event.

Steve Korle, representing the St. Rita Knights of Columbus explained to the Council the purpose of the fundraiser.

A motion was offered by **Councilman Landry** and seconded by **Councilman Murray** to grant permission.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by **Councilman Landry** and seconded by **Councilman Baudier** to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July 17, 2014 Council Meeting.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Huete** to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 Council

Meeting.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS

The Board of Adjustment and Appeals did not meet in July.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

The Planning & Zoning Board did not meet in August.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.

A Resolution naming the new scoreboard on Wilcox Field "Freddie Wilcox Scoreboard" in honor of former Mayor Mr. Freddie Wilcox.

Discussion:

None

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION APPROVED

A motion to suspend the rules to add the following resolution to the agenda was offered unanimously by the Council.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

The following Resolution was offered unanimously by the Council.

A Resolution ratifying a Memorandum of Agreement between the Parish of Jefferson, City of Gretna, Town of Grand Isle, City of Harahan, Town of Jean Lafitte, City of Kenner, and City of Westwego relative to establishing a commitment in the development of the Jefferson Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015. (Parishwide)

Discussion:

None

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION APPROVED

ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL (PUBLIC HEARING)

The following Ordinance was offered unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance in its entirety.

1. An Ordinance levying a tax of 14.04 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation on all taxable properties in the City of Harahan for the year 2014 and authorizing the Tax Collector to collect the said taxes on all taxable property within the incorporated limits of the City of Harahan and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Discussion:

None

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE APPROVED

The following Ordinance was introduced unanimously by the Council.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance in its entirety.

2. An Ordinance to roll the millage rate forward, but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rates on all taxable property in the

City of Harahan for the year 2014 and authorizing the Tax Collector to collect the said taxes on all the taxable property within the incorporated limited of the City of Harahan and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

No one spoke.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Discussion:

None

The Mayor called for a roll call vote, it was as follows:

YEAS: Chatelain, Landry, Murray

NAYS: Baudier, Huete

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE PASSED

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading)

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Landry.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

1. An Ordinance adopting a Development agreement (see attachment A) between J.W. Colonial and the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

The Mayor requested any change to be in writing to be distributed to the council prior to the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Councilman Landry and seconded by Councilman Baudier to suspend the rules to have Mr. Villavaso give a report on the Colonial Club project agreement.

Mr. Villavaso stated that all changes suggested by the Council have been incorporated into the agreement. Research is continuing to find ways to keep the open space. The owners and his firm have reached out to government entities including the Land Trust for Louisiana to propose this option. David Wagoner has been contacted about the storm water management aspect. The Greater New Orleans Foundation, The Baton Rouge Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation have all been approached.

The Mayor said the Land Trust for Louisiana has expressed interest in taking the project over. They are working on keeping approximately 44 acres of green space and 20 acres of pond area.

Mr. Villavaso responded that this is true.

Councilman Murray said that her changes to the agreement that she has asked for twice have not be implemented. She said the acreage does not add up to the total acreage of the project. She asked the city attorney whether the ordinance should go back to the Planning & Zoning Board again.

The Mayor asked Councilman Murray to submit her changes in writing.

Councilman Huete asked that the Mayor set up a meeting with 2 councilmen and the Land Trust for Louisiana.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Requesting permission to block Bourg St. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 5:00 pm until 9:0 pm for the annual Night Out Against Crime at St. Rita.

A motion was offered unanimously by the Council to approve the permit.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

2. Permission to have a wedding reception at 165 Macque St. on January 2, 2015 from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. There are 100 guests invited. Music will be provided by a D.J. and there will be a detail police officer at the reception.

A motion was offered by Councilman Murray and seconded by Councilman Landry to grant permission.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

3. Fire Millage

The Mayor said that the Fire Millage of 5 mills expires December 31, 2014 and must be on the ballot in November or March at the latest.

A motion was offered by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Huete** to put the millage on the March, 2015 ballot for renewal.

Discussion:

Councilman Murray said the equipment is getting old and must be replaced.

The City Clerk said that if it is on the March ballot, the city will collect it in 2015.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

4. High Content ABO application for Dock Quick Stop, LLC, located at 1927 Hickory Ave. for Abdel Faraj and Jawad Ammari.

A motion was offered by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Baudier** to grant permission.

Discussion:

Councilman Murray stated that this is the first time they have received full packets from the police department and she thanked the Chief.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

5. High Content ABO application for China Palace, LLC, located at 1915 Hickory Ave. for Yu Qin Gao.

A motion was offered **unanimously** by the council.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

A motion to suspend the rules to add the following to the agenda was offered by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Baudier**.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

6. An application for a High Content Alcoholic Beverage License for New Orleans Basket of Blessings, LLC, located at 7121 Jefferson Hwy.

A motion was offered **unanimously** by the Council to grant permission.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

7. Request for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Fastway Fuelmart, located at 6492 Jefferson Hwy.

Councilman Chatelain said that he had questions concerning this permit.

A motion was offered by **Councilman Chatelain** and seconded by **Councilman Landry** to defer until further clarification can be obtained.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED

ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Monique LaFontaine announced that she is a candidate for 1st Parish Court, Division B.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's report for July, 2014

Revenues \$264,632.77.

PAY BILLS

The Council paid the bills for July, 2014 in the amount of \$551,678.39.

REPORTS

Chief Walker gave his report for July.

Councilman Baudier announced he is running for re-election.

Councilman Huete said she will be donating to the ALS organization. She also announced that she is running for re-election.

Councilman Murray accepted Chief Walker's ALS ice water challenge. She announced that she is term-limited out of office but she may be back in 4 years.

Mayor Mosca said that 1 flushed diaper cost the city approximately \$3,000. He explained the names of the two new passageways being used to get from Dickory to Hickory. He explained that Harahan was named one of the safest places in Louisiana because our citizens don't commit crimes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURN

A motion was offered by Councilman Landry and seconded by Councilman Chatelain to adjourn at 8:53 pm.

The Mayor called for a vote. The vote was:

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION APPROVED



Provino Mosca, Mayor



Nicole Lee, Municipal Clerk