

**CITY OF HARAHAH**  
6437 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY, HARAHAH, LOUISIANA  
**MAYOR AND HARAHAH CITY COUNCIL**  
November 20, 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.

**Absent:** Steve Villavaso, City Planner; Fire Chief Todd St. Cyr.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Mayor Mosca** presented a plaque of appreciation to Lawrence Landry for his dedication to the city, his family and his church. He is an extraordinary volunteer.

**Councilman Landry** accepted the plaque and said he will speak at the next meeting.

**Mayor Mosca** presented a plaque of appreciation to Cindy Murray who has corrected him on several occasions and the Mayor said she was right. She has the best interests of Harahan at heart.

**Councilman Murray** thanked her husband for helping her throughout the years and said she will stay involved.

Both Councilmen received a standing ovation.

**Mayor Mosca** thanked all who ran and those who won. He wished all the newly elected officials good luck.

**Police Chief Walker** presented Darlene Centani, with the Metropolitan Office of Women and Children who gave a presentation to the audience. They help abused women, children and men. The agency was established in 1986. She described their services.

**Police Chief Walker** introduced Charlie Hudson, Jefferson Parish Special Needs Personnel Evacuation which is in charge of special needs people during emergencies. They compile information on all special needs people and will help during evacuations.

**Councilman Landry** asked about the necessary qualification for the service.

**Mr. Hudson** said it applies to people who are wheelchair bound, oxygen dependent or have other disabilities that prevent them from evacuating.

**ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

**Craig Johnston**, newly elected Councilman, thanked everyone who voted for him and spoke against the proposed Council pay raise.

**Mary LaBourgeois**, appreciates the help from the Council and people of Harahan for their new business, New Orleans Baskets of Blessings, located at 7121 Jefferson Hwy. She said their motto is "a gift for every reason and every season".

**Carrie Wheeler**, newly elected Councilman – thanked everyone who voted for her and she resigned from the Planning & Zoning Bd. effective tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Huete** to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 16, 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 Baudier** and seconded by **Councilman Landry** to approve the minutes of the October 16, 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 Adjustments and Appeals did not meet in October.

**PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

A motion was made by Councilman Chatelain and seconded by Councilman Baudier to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 5, 2014 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 Huete and seconded by Councilman Landry to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2014 meeting.

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

**YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**MOTION APPROVED**

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolution was introduced unanimously by the Council.

The Clerk read the Resolution in its entirety.

1. A Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Harahan, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

**Discussion:**

The Mayor stated that the election date is March 28, 2015.

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

**YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilman Baudier.

The Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

2. A Resolution respectfully requesting assistance from Jefferson Parish Councilman Paul Johnston, District 2, for street repairs and re-surfacing in the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

**Discussion:**

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

**YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray**

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES FOR APPROVAL (PUBLIC HEARING)**

None

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (First Reading)**

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Landry.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

1. An Ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 30 and 31, Square V, Harahan City Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, made by Mandle-Edwards Surveying, Inc., dated May 21, 2014.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Baudier.

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

2. An Ordinance approving the re-subdivision of Lots 28 and 29, Square V, Harahan City Subdivision, City of Harahan, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, made by Mandle-Edwards Surveying, Inc., dated May 21, 2014.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Murray.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 3. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1771, the annual budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Huete.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 4. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1770, the annual Sales Tax Budget for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014 for the city of Harahan, Louisiana.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Baudier.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 5. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1767, the annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Sewerage Department, for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014 for the city of Harahan, Louisiana.

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Landry.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 6. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1771, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana (Police Department).

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Huete.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 7. An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1771, the annual Budget of Revenues and Expenditures, for the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014 for the City of Harahan, Louisiana (Capital Projects)

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Landry.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 8. An Ordinance providing that the Harahan Municipal Code be supplemented to fix the amount of compensation of the elected public officials of the City of Harahan as required by L.R.S. 33:404.1 (City Council).

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilman Chatelain.  
The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

- 9. An Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1367, to terminate the car allowance for the Mayor of the City of Harahan, Louisiana.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. 2014 Budget

Mayor Mosca said they are amending the budget at the next meeting.

- 2. Harahan Elementary would like to reserve Harahan Gym for Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, from 7 pm until 10 pm for the annual Mardi Gras Ball. They respectfully request the Council to consider either a donation or at a substantially discounted price for this venue.

The Mayor said he is not opposed to the donation.

The City Attorney stated they must pay \$1.00 to reserve Harahan Gym.

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

YEAS: Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**MOTION APPROVED**

- 3. Planning and Zoning Board resignation and nominee.

Councilman Baudier is nominating Anthony Sequeira.

Councilman Murray questioned the nomination considering he was an employee of the city.

**ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary's report for October, 2014

Revenues \$291,931.40

Council Murray

**PAY BILLS**

The Council paid the bills for October, 2014 in the amount of \$394,781.77.

**Councilman Murray** asked why some people were paid twice during this month.

The reply was it depended on what day of the month the pay day falls.

**REPORTS**

**Councilman Landry** - Happy Thanksgiving.

**Councilman Chatelain** congratulated everyone on their win. Monkey Business - I can handle it. I'm a positive guy - won't respond to negative campaigning. Looking forward to helping the new council. I think I made a difference. Ran a positive campaign. Will volunteer at playground and at city.

**Councilman Baudier** - thanked everyone who voted for him and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Councilman Huete** - Happy Thanksgiving and thanked Councilman Landry and Murray. Thanked everyone who voted for her.

**Councilman Murray** - Happy Thanksgiving and congratulations to newly elected officials. She urged everyone to vote for the Fire Dept. millage.

**Mayor Mosca** - thanked everyone who ran and those who won. He urged everyone to vote for the Fire Dept. millage. There are ups and downs of being an elected official. Looking forward to the new officials. He sometimes created controversy and sometimes happiness for people in the city. He thanked all the city hall employees. He admits now that sometimes he was wrong. He thanked everyone for 22 years. He said that now he will be practicing criminal law and gave his phone no.

**Police Chief Walker** gave his report for October, 2014.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was offered by **Councilman Murray** and seconded by **Councilman Baudier** to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

**The Mayor** called for a vote. The vote was:

**YEAS:** Baudier, Chatelain, Huete, Landry, Murray

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**MOTION APPROVED**

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Provino Mosca, Mayor

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Nicole Lee, Municipal Clerk