

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
January 24, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on January 24, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson

ABSENT

Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Mayor Waites.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Heine.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER

1. Approve business license for Expert Tax Professional
Location – 5240 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Expert Tax Professional.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. 2017-2 – Resubdivision Request

Kathryn Slaughter

Proposed location – 16724 Twin Oaks Drive

Location description – 2.76 acres divided front, full 39.02 acres (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve resubdivision request 2017-2 – Resubdivision Request – Kathryn Slaughter – Location—

16724 Twin Oaks Drive – Location description – 2.76 acres divided front, full 39.02 acres.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Ordinance 2017-1, sales & use tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Bryant to adopt Ordinance 2017-1.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Ordinance 2017-2, insurance license tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2017-2.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Ordinance 2017-3, occupational license tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2017-3.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Ordinance 2017-4, chain store license tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to adopt Ordinance 2017-4.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

5. Ordinance 2017-5, alcoholic beverage tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2017-5.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

6. Ordinance 2017-6, property tax 6.22 mills (Mayor) (Introduced 1/10/2017)
Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine to adopt Ordinance 2017-6.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2017-7, an ordinance by the City of Baker, Louisiana to assess a collection fee on debts referred to a collection agency (Mayor)
The Mayor provided an overview of the proposed ordinance.

Discussion followed.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson to introduce Ordinance 2017-7.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Status of request for the establishment of a school zone on Lavey Lane for Impact Charter Elementary (Alexander)
Council Member Alexander asked about the status of request for the establishment of a school zone on Lavey Lane for Impact Charter Elementary.

The Mayor stated that DOTD has been contacted and he expects the school zone signs to be placed within the next three weeks.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Chief Dunn stated that they had a good meeting last Thursday. He said they are using this time to gather information for the Police Department, and there was discussion about reviving the Neighborhood Watch program in the City of Baker. The next meeting will be held in March.

Discussion regarding the Neighborhood Watch program followed.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

John Abel, 3611 Epperson, asked about the status of the two houses on Epperson Street operating as group homes. The Mayor stated that he had no good answer.

Discussion regarding group homes was held.

L. J. McKneely, 3913 Jefferson, inquired about the way citizens are informed of criminals moving into our community.

Discussion followed.

Barry Sterling, 4025 Jefferson, expressed his concerns regarding flood waters in Baker. Mr. Sterling would like to know what is going to be done.

Discussion regarding drainage, flooding and possible resolution of the myriad issues presented by both was held.

Resident of Feliciana subdivision stated that the drains need to be washed out.

Discussion regarding drainage, flooding and possible resolution of the myriad issues presented by both resumed.

Willie Williams, 14005 Longvue, expressed his concerns regarding drainage issues on Longvue.

Discussion regarding the drainage issues on Longvue followed.

Resident reported a sinkhole and an open manhole on Lavey Lane in Feliciana subdivision.

Tarita Freeman, 1404 Johnston, stated that trash pick-up/removal has not been addressed.

Discussion regarding debris and trash pick-up/removal was held.

Vera Daniels, 202 Sherron, expressed concerns regarding drainage at her property at the corner of Lavey Lane and Sherron.

Discussion regarding drainage in the City of Baker was held.

Discussion regarding the pick-up of white goods in the City of Baker was held.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor said that the Neighborhood Watch program is important and it needs to be reestablished in our community. He asked that everyone get involved with the initiative.

The Mayor stated that everyone must work together for the betterment of the City of Baker.

The Mayor asked that everyone shop Baker first and support the community. He said if we all work together, we can make Baker better.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Alexander to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

I, Angela Canady, certify that I am acting Clerk of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana held on January 24, 2017.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HILLCREST MEMORIAL GARDENS
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
January 24, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on January 24, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Donna Allen submitted a monthly sales report for December 2016.

The motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Heine to accept the sales report submitted for December 2016.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: Alexander

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

2. Other Reports

3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

There was no other business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BAKER CONSOLIDATED UTILITIES SYSTEM
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
January 24, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for the Baker Consolidated Utilities System, met in regular session on January 24, 2017, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 10, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report
2. Other Reports
3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

I, Angela Canady, certify that I am acting Clerk of the Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana, and that the above and foregoing is a copy of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on January 24, 2017.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council