

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
October 8, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on October 8, 2013, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Harold M. Rideau

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joyce Burges

John Givens

Pete Heine

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rideau presided.

The invocation was given by Pastor Kevin Cowan of Praise and Worship Center House of Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peron McCastle.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2013.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize C. Jackson Automotive – Business of the Month (Mayor)

The City of Baker and Baker Chamber of Commerce recognized C. Jackson Automotive as the Business of the Month for October 2013.

2. Recognition of winners of the Baker Buffalo Festival Talent Show, Spelling Bee and “Fantasy Self-Portrait” Art Contest (Mayor)

Buffalo Festival chairperson, Ginger Vann, recognized the winners of the Baker Buffalo Festival Talent Show, Spelling Bee and “Fantasy Self-Portrait” Art Contest.

3. Appreciation and recognition of Barbara R. Guynes, Director of Environmental Health, Safety and Security, Stupp Corporation, for her professional service to the Baker Workforce Development Training Program by providing safety instruction to students enrolled in the welding classes (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Barbara R. Guynes, Director of Environmental Health, Safety and Security, Stupp Corporation, for her professional service to the Baker Workforce Development Training Program by providing safety instruction to students enrolled in the welding classes.

Dr. Girard Melancon, Executive Director for Continuing Education/Adult Education at Baton Rouge Community College, also recognized Ms. Guynes for her contributions to the Baker Workforce Development Training Program.

4. Recognize James Minton for his time with The Advocate (Burges)

Mr. Minton was not present. Council Member Burges acknowledged the job he, and The Advocate, has done reporting the news from the City of Baker. Council Members Burges and Heine welcomed new Baker/Zachary bureau chief, Steven Ward, to the City of Baker.

5. Recognize Phylcia Guillory (Burges)

Council Member Burges recognized Phylcia Guillory for being crowned Miss New Pilgrim Baptist Church Queen.

6. Recognize the Howland family and GAP Allstars for their contributions to the City of Baker and beyond (Burges)

Council Member Burges recognized GAP Allstars for their contributions to the City of Baker and beyond.

7. Recognize Bernard's Restaurant of District 1 for their contributions to the City of Baker (Vincent) (held over from 9/24/2013)

Council Member Vincent recognized Bernard's Restaurant of District 1 for their contributions to the City of Baker.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Knaps stated that the fire and police departments, working from the Emergency Operations Center, activated a code yellow on Friday morning in anticipation of Tropical Storm Karen. He said that both departments were fully prepared to take care of the residents of the City of Baker had the need arose.

Council Member Vincent announced that the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center will be providing free breast cancer screenings throughout the month of October at various locations in the Baton Rouge area.

Council Member Heine invited everyone to visit the newly opened Fresenius Medical Center on Groom Road. He stated that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony this morning and that the facility is unbelievable.

UPDATE ON DISTRICTS

1. Update on District 3 (Burges)

Council Member Burges reported that the surveys of businesses in District 3 have been completed, and a preliminary review will be presented at the end of October.

2. Update on District 1 (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated that District 1 is excited about the street overlay project that recently began.

Discussion followed regarding the street overlay project.

3. Update on District 5 (Givens)

Council Member Givens reported that District 5 is doing okay. He announced that District 5 will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting in the near future.

4. Update on District 2 (Heine)

Council Member Heine thanked Stupp Corporation for their beautification efforts at the former site of Renaissance Village in District 2.

Council Member Heine stated that the Public Works Department is doing a good job on the utility improvements in District 2, as evidenced by the fact that he has had no complaints from constituents.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation honoring World War II Montford Point Marine Cpl. James W. Green Jr. for receiving the Congressional Gold Medal (Burges)

The motion was made by Council Member Burges, seconded by Council Member Young to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2013 Healthy Lung Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Appointment to Alcohol Beverage Control Board (Burges)
Council Member Burges asked that this item be held over until the next meeting.

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 511 Cypress, Lots 355, 356, 357, 358, 359 & 360, Bakerfield Subdivision (Heine)
City Attorney Fabre stated that as there was no representative from the East Baton Rouge Parish Attorney's Office to offer any objection to the condemnation, the council is free to move forward with the condemnation proceedings.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Burges to go out for bids on the demolition work to be done at this address.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Donation of Landry/Nettles property to City of Baker (held over from 3/23/10)
City Attorney Fabre reported that it is his understanding that former City Attorney Wall has acquired the final signature needed for completion of this project.

ANNEXATIONS

The Mayor stated requests for annexation have been received from two property owners, and that the Annexation Review Committee will meet on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss said requests. The two properties to be discussed are the Agway property on Ronaldson Road and George Moore's property on Plank Road. The Mayor said that the Economic Development Team has recommended annexing the property along Groom Road to Highway 964 as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss the Mayor's request concerning the City Attorney's salary (Burges) (Young)

Discussion was held regarding the City Attorney's salary.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Burges to schedule a work session on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the city attorney's salary.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team – Will meet on October 22, 2013 at the Chamber.
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees – A Family Fun & Safety Festival will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the museum.
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival – Buffalo Festival chairperson Ginger Vann presented a report on this year’s festival.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Will meet at the end of October.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Hubert Van Buren, 701 Chemin Drive, asked the Mayor for clarification regarding the documents Julie McCulloch requested he provide the city. The Mayor recommended that a meeting be set in order to further discuss this situation.

Council Member Burges recognized Doug Howland and the Howland family for their contributions and service to the City of Baker.

Council Member Heine thanked Andrew Stamps for having cup holders installed at the council member’s seats.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Young to adjourn.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with 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 Council for the City of Baker, Louisiana held on October 8, 2013.

Angela Canady, 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
October 8, 2013**

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 October 8, 2013, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Joyce Burges
John Givens
Pete Heine
Harold M. Rideau
Dr. Charles Vincent
Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Rideau presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Burges to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2013.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Vincent asked for the status of the repair work being done on the glass at the mausoleum. Commissioner Rideau stated that the repairs have been completed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

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

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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**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
October 8, 2013**

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 October 8, 2013, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Joyce Burges
John Givens
Pete Heine
Harold M. Rideau
Dr. Charles Vincent
Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Rideau presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Vincent thanked the Utility Department for listening to the customers, more especially when they are on a late cycle.

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 Rideau, seconded by Commissioner Burges to adjourn.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
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Angela Canady, Clerk of Council