

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
April 14, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 14, 2015, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**

Harold M. Rideau

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Joyce Burges

John Givens

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

**ABSENT**

Pete Heine

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rideau presided.

The invocation was given by Pastor Gary Richerson of New Life Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a representative from the Baton Rouge Unit of Parliamentarians.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2015.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Mayor stated that Council Member Heine is absent due to having shingles.

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. Koi Lee – Honorary Mayor of the Day (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Koi Lee, declaring him Honorary Mayor of the Day.

2. Recognize Frankie Poland for her work with the Smoke Free Effort at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent recognized Frankie Poland for her work with the Smoke Free Effort at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Welcome and congratulate Jordan Baronish – Baker Police Department (Burges)

Council Member Burges welcomed Officer Baronish and Officer Eames and congratulated them on their recent hire to the Baker Police Department.

Council Member Burges recognized the Baton Rouge Unit of Parliamentarians, and asked their representative to speak. The representative provided a brief overview of the organization.

Admon McCastle, 14056 Brantley Drive, expressed his concerns regarding the seemingly slow progress the city is making with annexations.

Discussion followed.

**UPDATE ON DISTRICTS**

1. Update on District 3 (Burges)  
Council Member Burges announced that the Homeschool Conference will be held April 17, 2015 and April 18, 2015 at Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker. She also announced that “Young and Free in District 3” will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Walgreens.
2. Update on District 1 (Vincent)  
Council Member Vincent asked that a mailer received by one of his constituents from Baker Singles.net be investigated. He reminded the council that personal financial disclosure statements are due by May 15, 2015. Council Member Vincent announced that the American Cancer Society’s Baker/Zachary Relay for Life to be held at the Zachary Community Park on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and asked everyone to support the Cheerful Givers Z Team. He stated that he was saddened by the loss of the young man from District 1, and asked that his family be remembered in prayer.
3. Update on District 5 (Givens)  
Council Member Givens had no update on District 5 at this time. He asked Captain Daryl Rainwater to speak. Captain Rainwater announced the Baker Youth Baseball Parade will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m., with festivities following at the field located at 2640 N. Magnolia, featuring guest speaker Coach Roger Cadour from Southern University.
4. Update on District 4 (Young)  
Council Member Young had no update on District 4 at this time.
5. Update on District 2 (Heine)  
Council Member Heine was not present.

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring April 2015 Parliamentary Law Month (Burges)  
The motion was made by Council Member Burges, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the proclamation.  
YEAS: Burges, Givens, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Heine  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.
2. Proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2015 National Library Week (Vincent)  
The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Givens to accept the proclamation.  
YEAS: Burges, Givens, Vincent, Young  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Heine  
ABSTAIN: None  
The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

1. 3657 Buchanan, Lot 82, Baker Heights Subdivision (Mayor) (held over from 3/24/2015)  
City Attorney Fabre stated that he is waiting for the return receipt notification, once this has been received, the condemnation proceedings can move forward.

Discussion followed.

2. 1984 Chamberlain, Lot 8, Square 7, Leland College Annex (Mayor)  
The Mayor provided a condemnation report and photographs for the Council's review.

3. 2005 Chamberlain, Lot 20, Square 11, Leland College Annex (Mayor)  
The Mayor provided a condemnation report and photographs for the Council's review.

4. 2150 Chamberlain, Lot 16, Square 12, Leland College Annex (Mayor)  
The Mayor provided a condemnation report and photographs for the Council's review.

5. 2610 Chamberlain, Lot 8, Square 19, Leland College Annex (Mayor)  
The Mayor provided a condemnation report and photographs for the Council's review.

Administrative Assistant Darnell Waites stated that the city is getting aggressive with its approach to blighted property, and went on to explain what the city is doing in an effort to clean up the neighborhoods.

Discussion regarding the property at 270 Main Street was held.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ANNEXATIONS**

1. Proposed annexation of the subject properties as described by the Assessor's Office of East Baton Rouge Parish as portions of: Ward: 2-1 #399, Lot 34-A, Subdivision: Bolwood Acres. 2011 or Tract X of the former Moreland Tract, Section 47 T5S R1E and Ward: 2-2 #1223, Lot B, Subdivision: Sternberg, Erich Tract. Tract "B", Cont. 29.00 acres resubdivision of 31.15 acres of the Erich Sternberg Property in Sec. 47, T5S, R1E. Resub. 2010, Section 47 T5S R1E (Mayor) (held over from 11/25/2014)

City Attorney Fabre stated that the owners of the property at 3838 Thomas Road have initiated annexation proceedings for the property adjacent to the mobile home park.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduce Ordinance 2015-10, an ordinance to annex that certain tract or parcel of ground located in the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, being designated according to the official map of the Parish of East Baton Rouge being owned by \_\_\_\_\_, described as Ward: 2-1 #399, Lot 34-A, Subdivision: Bolwood Acres. 2011 or Tract X of Moreland Tract, Section 47 T5S R1E and Ward: 2-2 #1223, Lot B, Subdivision: Sternberg, Erich Tract. Tract "B", Cont. 29.00 acres resubdivision of 31.15 acres of the Erich Sternberg property Section 47, T5S, R1E resubdivision 2010, Section 47 T5S R1E; and directing the changing of the boundaries of the City of Baker, Louisiana, to reflect and include the annexation and to provide for the zoning of said property (Mayor)

City Attorney Fabre recommended that no action be taken at this time, that the item be held over until the next meeting.

City Attorney Fabre stated that John Gallagher told him that the property on Groom Road could conceivably come into the city, that it has to be requested by someone in the division of administration, and that they are working diligently on that for Baker.

2. Representative from Baker City Court regarding audit findings (Borges)  
No representative from the Baker City Court was present. The Court responded to the Council's request via email, copies of all correspondence was included in the meeting folders for review.

Discussion followed.

3. Update on monthly budget reports from the Finance Department (Young)  
Finance Director, Traci Lang, provided an update on monthly budget reports.

Discussion followed.

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER**

1. Approve business license for Lion Clean Janitorial Services (Mayor)  
The motion was made by Council Member Givens, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Lion Clean Janitorial Services.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Approve business license for Melba’s Cleaning Service (Mayor)  
The motion was made by Council Member Givens, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Melba’s Cleaning Service.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Approve business license for Graffiti Dance Studio, LLC (Mayor)  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Burges to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Graffiti Dance Studio, LLC.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Case# 2015-07- Resubdivision Request  
**Re-subdivision request of the Douglas Rogillio Property:** Lot 3-B, A Portion of Lot 3-A-1 & the 0.540 acres of Lot 3-A-1 of the Elvyn M. Rogillio Jr. Estate into Lot 3-B-X and Olis Rogillio Property being a portion of Lot 3-A-! and the 0.558 acres of Lot 3-A-1 of the Elvyn M. Rogillio Jr. Estate into Lot 3-A-1-X all of the Dr. T.M. Baker Subdivision--Located Section 41, T5s-R1W, Greensburg Land District, City of Baker (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Burges, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve variance request Case# 2015-07, Resubdivision request – Re-subdivision request of the Douglas Rogillio Property: Lot 3-B, A Portion of Lot 3-A-1 & the 0.540 acres of Lot 3-A-1 of the Elvyn M. Rogillio Jr. Estate into Lot 3-B-X and Olis Rogillio Property being a portion of Lot 3-A-! and the 0.558 acres of Lot 3-A-1 of the Elvyn M. Rogillio Jr. Estate into Lot 3-A-1-X all of the Dr. T.M. Baker Subdivision--Located Section 41, T5s-R1W, Greensburg Land District, City of Baker.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees – A good time was had by all at the book signing and children’s art show that was held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 10:00

- a.m. A mother-daughter tea featuring live music on the harp and piano will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
5. ABC Board – Willie Williams, ABC Board Chairman, provided an update on the ABC Board.
  6. Other Special Committees
    - a. Buffalo Festival – Work on this year’s event has begun. The festival will be held the last weekend in September.
    - b. Prayer Breakfast – The committee is meeting every week, it’s going well. This year’s theme is “Faith in Our Future.” The event will be Friday, June 26, 2015 at 6:30 a.m.
    - c. Strategic Planning Committee
    - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – The Mayor and Chief Knaps stated that they had a good meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Administrative Assistant, Darnell Waites, announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Job/Resource Fair being held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Administrative Assistant, Darnell Waites, announced the National Day of Prayer being held on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

The Mayor announced that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a crawfish boil for chamber members on Thursday, April 30, 2015.

The motion was made by Council Member Burges, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adjourn.

No vote was taken.

Council Member Vincent withdrew his second.

Chief Edwards spoke about the possibility of the City of Baker levying a hotel/motel tax.

Discussion followed.

**ADJOURN**

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

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

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 April 14, 2015.

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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  
April 14, 2015**

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 April 14, 2015, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Pete Heine

**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 Rideau, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2015.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vincent inquired about the feasibility of selling the cemetery.

Discussion followed.

**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 Burges to adjourn.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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

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Angela Canady, 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  
April 14, 2015**

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 April 14, 2015, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Pete Heine

**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 Rideau, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2015.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vincent thanked Public Works Director Julie McCulloch for the fine reports/supplements that have gone out with recent utility bills.

Commissioner Burges suggested giving residents the opportunity to make charitable donations when paying their utility bill.

Discussion followed.

**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, Rideau, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

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 April 14, 2015.

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Angela Canady, Clerk of Council