

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
August 11, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on August 11, 2015, 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 Minister Naisha Cooper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Robert Young.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Givens to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2015.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Walgreens for their participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)
Council Member Burges recognized Walgreens for their participation in the Back to School Bash.

2. Recognize Advantage Charter Academy for their participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)
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3. Recognize Glenda Bryant for her participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)
Council Member Burges recognized Glenda Bryant for her participation in the Back to School Bash.

4. Recognize Marie Batiste-Davis for her participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)
Council Member Burges recognized Marie Batiste-Davis for her participation in the Back to School Bash.

Council Member Burges stated that District 3 resident Deborah Anderson also participated in the Back to School Bash.

5. Recognize Baker Police Department for their participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)
Council Member Burges recognized Baker Police Department for their participation in

the Back to School Bash.

6. Recognize Dare Officer Willie Brooks for his participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)

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7. Recognize Captain Darryl Rainwater for his participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)

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8. Recognize Baker Fire Department for their participation in the Back to School Bash (Burges)

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9. Recognize Lamiri Cobb recipient of the Excellence in Education Student Recognition Book Scholarship (Burges)

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10. Recognize Tamira Winfield recipient of the Excellence in Education Student Recognition Book Scholarship (Burges)

Council Member Burges recognized Tamira Winfield recipient of the Excellence in Education Student Recognition Book Scholarship.

11. Recognize Brionna W. Kincaid, 2015 Baker High School Valedictorian, recipient of the Excellence in Education Student Recognition Book Scholarship (Burges)

Council Member Burges recognized Brionna W. Kincaid, 2015 Baker High School Valedictorian, recipient of the Excellence in Education Student Recognition Book Scholarship.

12. Recognize Bishop Jose' Mathews on his ninth anniversary as Pastor of Circle Baptist Church (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent recognized Bishop Jose' Mathews on his ninth anniversary as Pastor of Circle Baptist Church.

13. Recognize Ivory Payne for 40 years of ministry and 40 years of service as the CEO/Publisher of the Baton Rouge Weekly Press (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent recognized Ivory Payne for 40 years of ministry and 40 years of service as the CEO/Publisher of the Baton Rouge Weekly Press.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Young recognized Sam Boatner whom he called one of his mentors.

The motion was made by Council Member Young to add item "Discuss beginning of fourth year longevity step for Deputy Marshal and Communications Officer" to the agenda.

Motion died due to lack of second.

Police Chief Knaps provided a brief explanation of the item to be discussed referenced by Council Member Young.

Mike McClanahan, President of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the NAACP, announced that Mayor Harold Rideau and Council Member Charles Vincent are being honored at the Freedom Fund Brunch Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Waterfront at BREC's Greenwood Park.

Council Member Heine asked that recognitions for Mr. Earl T. Taylor and Mr. Alfred Williams be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

Lamiri Cobb, 6409 E. Myrtle, had questions regarding school bus service in the City of Baker. Ms. Cobb was advised to contact the City of Baker School System.

Ivory Payne, 6206 Stoneview, announced that he will be inducted into the Scotlandville High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Drusilla Seafood Restaurant, he encouraged everyone to attend.

UPDATE ON DISTRICTS

1. Update on District 3 (Burgess)

Council Member Burgess stated that District 3 is preparing for its annual Christmas event.

2. Update on District 1 (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated District 1 had an extremely successful back to school giveaway. He also stated that District 1 is preparing for a health screening, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Baker Branch Library. Council Member Vincent provided handouts regarding immunizations, and encouraged everyone to avail themselves of this information. He also announced the birth of his fourth grandchild, a grandson, Carter, who was born yesterday. Baby Carter weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Discussion regarding the miracle of childbirth and children followed.

3. Update on District 5 (Givens)

Council Member Givens had no update on District 5 at this time.

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 recounted the story of the birth of his third son, who was born at the house at 612 Magnolia Drive.

Discussion regarding childbirth and children followed.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to request that Congress reform the planning and construction process for vital infrastructure projects where federal funding is potentially involved (Heine)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

Council Member Heine spoke about the LMA convention attended by the Mayor and council members that was held in Lafayette, the benefits of attending such events, and the plethora of useful information obtained by participants.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Burgess, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Discussion regarding the agenda item resumed.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

Discussion regarding condemnations was held.

A meeting with City Attorney Ken Fabre, Council Member Givens, Council Member Heine and the administration was scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss necessary changes to existing ordinances which deal with condemnations.

Discussion regarding condemnations resumed.

1. 3657 Buchanan, Lot 82, Baker Heights Subdivision (Mayor) (held over from 3/24/2015)

No action was taken on this item.

2. 1984 Chamberlain, Lot 8, Square 7, Leland College Annex (Mayor) (held over from 4/14/2015)

No action was taken on this item.

3. 2005 Chamberlain, Lot 20, Square 11, Leland College Annex (Mayor) (held over from 4/14/2015)

No action was taken on this item.

4. 2610 Chamberlain, Lot 8, Square 19, Leland College Annex (Mayor) (held over from 4/14/2015)

No action was taken on this item.

5. 1047 Sinbad, Lot 15-B, Westmoreland-Nutt Subdivision (Mayor) (held over from 6/9/2015)

No action was taken on this item.

OLD BUSINESS

ANNEXATIONS

Discussion regarding the possible annexation of the former Renaissance Village site, which is owned by the state, was held.

Discussion regarding the possible annexation of property on Ronaldson Road, Alsen-St. Irma Lee and surrounding areas was held.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval for renewal of contract with City Auditor – Postlethwaite & Netterville for fiscal year 2015-2016 (Givens) (held over from 6/23/2015)

Discussion regarding the selection of a City Auditor was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Burges, seconded by Council Member Young to schedule a work session on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss selection of a City Auditor for fiscal year 2015-2016.

YEAS: Burges, Givens, Heine, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Discuss 5342 Lavey Lane (Vincent) (held over from 6/23/2015)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

Council Member Vincent asked that this item be removed from the agenda.

3. Discuss the strengths of the City of Baker (each council member will give comments) (Burges)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

4. Discuss quick wins and what has been accomplished (each council member will give comments) (Burges)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

Police Chief Knaps initiated discussion regarding beginning of fourth year longevity step

for Deputy Marshal and Communications Officer.

Discussion followed.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER

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 – Discussion regarding festivals was held.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated that a couple of people have expressed interest in the old Howard Brothers building, and their acquiring the property would result in renovations and the property being cleaned and maintained.

The Mayor stated that the old Pizza Hut on Main Street has been sold, and is supposed to be torn down and something else built in its place.

The Mayor announced that Dollar Tree plans to build a new location on Groom Road.

Discussion followed.

Administrative Officer Darnell Waites stated Furniture Liquidators is preparing to open in the old Ashley Furniture location.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Givens, seconded by Council Member Burges 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 August 11, 2015.

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
August 11, 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 August 11, 2015, 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 July 28, 2015.

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

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
August 11, 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 August 11, 2015, 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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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Vincent asked about the time frame used by other cities for utility bills that are delinquent, specifically if they afford their residents more time than the City of Baker.

Discussion regarding utility department procedures in other cities and the City of Baker was held.

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 Burges, seconded by Commissioner Rideau 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
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 August 11, 2015.

Angela Canady, Clerk of Council