

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
August 9, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on August 9, 2016, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

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

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2016.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Alexander to add item “1. Recognize Reverend T. J. Halley for celebrating his 100th birthday (Vincent)” under Recognitions to the agenda.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. *Recognize Reverend T. J. Halley for celebrating his 100th birthday (Vincent)*
Council Member Vincent recognized Reverend T. J. Halley for celebrating his 100th birthday, and named him an Honorary Councilman.

Leroy Davis, 4312 Azie, announced Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church’s 100th anniversary - services celebrating this milestone will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., he invited everyone to attend.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER

1. Approve business license for Rose’s Department Store
Location – 250 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Jackson/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Rose’s Department Store.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution – Baker Pride – Designating every Friday Red & Black Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)

The Mayor and Council Member Bryant provided an overview of the resolution, reiterating its intent.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring September 2016 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent reminded those present about Relay for Life, and asked everyone to support the Cheerful Givers Z Team and the American Cancer Society. He also announced that there are a number of free cancer screenings being held in and around Baton Rouge, and distributed flyers containing dates, locations and times for said screenings.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve travel to DARE convention for Willie Brooks (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve travel to DARE convention for Willie Brooks.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Present policies based on 2015-2016 audit findings (Mayor)

The Mayor presented, and provided copies for each council member, newly established city policies that are based on findings from the 2015-2016 audit.

Discussion followed.

3. Introduce Ordinance 2016-24, an ordinance to amend and supplement the DARE Program (Mayor)

The Mayor provided an overview of Ordinance 2016-24.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to introduce Ordinance 2016-24.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team – Ginger Vann, Director of Community Workforce and Economic Development, gave a presentation on the city’s goals and vision as they relate to economic development. Discussion followed.
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival – Monique Butler, Buffalo Festival Chairperson, announced that the Buffalo Festival will be held September 22 – 24, 2016. She provided information on the Buffalo Festival and all related activities. Discussion followed.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Leroy Davis, 4312 Azie, explained how the Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement was created. He believes this entity plays a crucial role in facilitating the harmonious relationship that exists between the police department and citizens in the City of Baker.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Fire Chief Danny Edwards gave a report on the Fire Department’s activity for the last thirty days. Council Member Vincent thanked him and his department for being on the front line, and all that they do. Council Member Vincent also inquired about compensation for the city following an EMS call.

Discussion followed.

The Mayor announced the arrival of two new businesses to the city – Hertz and Hibachi Express. He stated that the city is diligently working on grass concerns and unauthorized accumulation throughout the community. The Mayor also said that a plan is being developed and improvements will be made to City Park in the near future.

Council Member Heine spoke about the LMA Convention that the Mayor and Council recently attended. He stated that it was one of the best conventions he has ever attended, and thanked the citizens of Baker for allowing them to go.

The Mayor asked that everyone check out the city’s Facebook page.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

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 9, 2016.

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
August 9, 2016**

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 9, 2016, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

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

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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2016.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioners Jackson/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

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 9, 2016**

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 9, 2016, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**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 August 9, 2016.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council