

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
July 11, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on July 11, 2017, 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 City Attorney Fabre.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2017.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER

1. Approve business license for Clark's Early Childcare and Development Center
Location – 3615 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Clark's Early Childcare and Development Center.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Approve business license for I & L Construction, LLC
Location – 15005 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for I & L Construction, LLC.

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

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Keep the Zoo at Greenwood Park Committee: Economic Impact (Mayor)
East Baton Rouge Parish Metropolitan Council Member Chauna Banks-Daniel gave a presentation regarding the economic impact of an improved Greenwood Park and Baton Rouge Zoo.

2. Review of the ordinance concerning horses on properties (Bryant)
Council Member Bryant reminded everyone of Section 27-24 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances, which deals with the housing of livestock. She wants residents to be aware that livestock must be fenced/housed no less than 150 feet from any dwelling or the primary building located on any adjacent property.

Discussion regarding the current ordinance and the possibility of increasing the 150 foot fencing/housing requirement was held.

Discussion regarding horses and the enforcement of the city's current ordinances dealing with livestock was held.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team – Ginger Vann gave an informative presentation regarding the newly created economic development district on Plank Road.
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival – The Mayor provided an update on the planning of this year's event.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast – Interim Fire Chief Howard Bonaventure reported that the event was a great success.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee – Ginger Vann provided an overview of a program in which the city will work with Restore Louisiana, an LSU contingent and FEMA to create a strategic plan for the city. They will meet on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ginger Vann of the Baker Rotary Club announced that Rotary will be working with the city to host The Baker Renewal Celebration on August 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. The event is meant to be an uplifting experience for the community. It will provide access to resources for those affected by the 2016 flooding as well.

John Abel, 3611 Epperson, expressed his ongoing concerns about group homes and junk vehicles in the city.

Discussion followed.

Derrick Smith, 701 Chemin, asked for an update on resolution of the ongoing drainage issue in Parc Chaleur subdivision.

Discussion followed.

Admon McCastle, 14056 Brantley, asked about the status of the house on Lavey Lane where it appears that demolition has begun, yet work has ceased.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor and city employees for working with him on all of the citizens' concerns.

Council Member Bryant thanked the city for removing the shed from the vacant lot on Ashland, and removing the trash from another location on Ashland. She stated that her constituents are concerned about why there was no notification of problems with the collectors and readings, and increase in their utility bills. Council Member Bryant said she is ready to go to phase two with the proposed road improvements on the gravel road off of Groom Road. She said that the community garden has had several harvests, and invited everyone to stop by and get some of the produce. She said she relayed to concerned constituents that rain is the cause of the delay in construction on Debra. Council Member Bryant asked her colleagues to begin thinking about a collaborative city-wide back to school event as well.

Council Member Vincent announced that school supplies will be given away in five locations within District 1 on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

Council Member Bryant initiated discussion regarding the need to hold a work session and/or a special council meeting to discuss candidates for auditor.

The council decided to have a work session and special council meeting on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Council Member Alexander asked if the raises for the Fire Department were included in this year's budget. The Mayor stated that they would receive their raises on July 15, 2017.

Council Member Alexander announced that the city-wide Town Hall Meeting will be held on July 18, 2017.

Council Member Jackson announced that New Covenant Christian Church will host a community health fair on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from Noon to 3:00 p.m. She thanked Derrick Smith for providing her with an update on the drainage situation in Parc Chaleur, and stated that she is pleased to hear that effort is being made to address the situation. Council Member Jackson stated that door prizes will be given away at the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. There will be food at the event as well.

Council Member Heine stated that the grass/shrubs obstructing the view of traffic at the CVS is terrible. The Mayor stated that CVS will be addressing the issue.

Council Member Jackson asked the Mayor what the procedure is for getting table cloths for the upcoming event.

Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor provided an overview of the city's accomplishments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

The Mayor provided the phone number to Animal Control and reminded everyone that

the city has a contract with them for use of their services. He also stated that should residents have a problem with bees, they can contact the city for assistance.

The Mayor reported that planning and work has begun for this year's Buffalo Festival.

The Mayor thanked the City Council for all of their support during the past year.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, 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 July 11, 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
July 11, 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 July 11, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Darnell Waites
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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2017.

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 Commissioner 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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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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on July 11, 2017.

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
July 11, 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 July 11, 2017, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Darnell Waites
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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2017.

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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner 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.

**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 July 11, 2017.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council