

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
September 26, 2017  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 26, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**

Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Doris Alexander

Pete Heine

Brenda G. Jackson

Dr. Charles Vincent

**ABSENT**

Glenda Bryant

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

The invocation was given by Council Member Heine and Mayor Waites.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Heine.

**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 September 12, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add item “Recognize Sickle Cell Ambassador Khloe Cushenberry as an honorary council member (Vincent)” under Recognitions to the agenda.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add item “Approve business license for Geaux Jeux Auto Sales, LLC (Mayor)” under Planning and Zoning Matter to the agenda.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. *Recognize Sickle Cell Ambassador Khloe Cushenberry as an honorary council member (Vincent)*

Council Member Vincent recognized Sickle Cell Ambassador Khloe Cushenberry, declaring her an honorary City of Baker council member.

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTER**

1. Approve business license for Claiborne’s Buffalo Corner Cutz  
Location – 5851 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Claiborne’s Buffalo Corner Cutz.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. 2017-29-----Re-Subdivided Request

Cheryl Fleming

Re-subdivision requests of: tract B-3-B and tract B-3-C into tracts B-3-C-1, 2612 Groom Rd., Baker, LA. Located in Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 1 East. Greensburg Land District, Baker, Louisiana (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve resubdivision request 2017-29 – Resubdivision Request – Cheryl Fleming – Location— 2612 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. *Approve business license for Geaux Jeux Auto Sales, LLC (Mayor)*

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Geaux Jeux Auto Sales, LLC.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring October 2017 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2017 as Domestic Violence Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Ordinance 2017-20, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Chapter 3 Sec. 3-81 (a) & Sec. 3-85 (b) of the alcoholic beverages ordinance of the Baker Code of Ordinances, concerning applicability and building location, zoning and licenses and permits (Alexander) (Introduced 8/22/2017)

Council Member Alexander provided an overview of Ordinance 2017-20.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander to adopt Ordinance 2017-20.

Discussion regarding the prudence of adopting the proposed ordinance given recently filed litigation was held.

Public meeting was held.

The Mayor called for the vote.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt Ordinance 2017-20.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 3-1.

2. Ordinance 2017-23, an ordinance to prohibit obstruction of drainages, ditches, streets, etc., and to provide for other matters relative to the same (Bryant) (Introduced 9/12/2017)

The Mayor asked that this item be tabled.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson to table Ordinance 2017-23.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

City Attorney Fabre asked if anyone was present representing the properties listed below. No representatives were present.

1. 3657 Buchanan (Mayor)
2. 2647 Chamberlain (Mayor)
3. 1748 Clark (Mayor)
4. 1008 Epperson (Mayor)
5. 2465 Hovey (Mayor)
6. 4920 Lavey (Mayor)

7. 5002 Lavey (Mayor)
8. 1780 Taylor (Mayor)

The Mayor stated that at the next meeting the council can declare the properties condemned.

Council Member Heine initiated discussion regarding 1780 Taylor. He stated that the owners of this property have made great strides towards improvement.

The Mayor said that all of the properties will be double checked prior to the next council meeting, and any property that warrants removal from the list will be removed.

#### **ANNEXATIONS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduce Ordinance 2017-24, and ordinance to amend and re-enact Ordinance 2016-13 (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this item be tabled.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to table Ordinance 2017-24.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Discuss resource officers in Baker schools (Mayor)

The Mayor wanted it stated for the record that whatever the issue, the City of Baker is here to support Baker schools. He said no matter what, the City of Baker will work with the City of Baker School Board to ensure that resource officers are back in the schools.

#### **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 – The Mayor stated that the Buffalo Festival was a good time. He thanked everyone who came out and supported the event and all who were involved in making it a huge success.
  - b. Prayer Breakfast
  - c. Strategic Planning Committee
  - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Vincent congratulated the Mayor and his staff for a successful Buffalo Festival.

Council Member Alexander stated that she has a copy of a FEMA map which shows how many people in each district have applied for assistance, how many people are in each district and how many people are gone from each district for each council member.

Council Member Heine asked that we recognize that Council Member Bryant was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Mayor said that work continues on economic development. He stated that he is meeting with hotel owners in the hopes of having one built on Plank Road in the newly

created development district.

The Mayor stated that the city is closer to finding a match to make Jefferson Street Park tournament ready. He said that the Recreation Committee is working with BREC in an effort to make this goal a reality.

The Mayor announced that the circus is coming to town – it will be in the city on October 6, 7 & 8, 2017. He asked that everyone come out and support the event.

The Mayor announced that the Louisiana Education Advancement Program will present a stop the bullying stage play in Baker. The event will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone of the United Baker meeting being held on October 16, 2017.

**ADJOURN**

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

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 September 26, 2017.

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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  
September 26, 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 September 26, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Glenda Bryant

**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 Heine, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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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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  
September 26, 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 September 26, 2017, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Glenda Bryant

**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 Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 12, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Vincent initiated discussion regarding the drainage issue on Alief. The Mayor stated that the situation is being addressed.

**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, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 September 26, 2017.

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Angela Canady, LCMC  
Clerk of Council