

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
November 28, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on November 28, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson

ABSENT

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 Bryant.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Approve business license for C-Marie Apparel
Location – 1434 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for C-Marie Apparel.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Approve business license for Mike Walker & Associates Real Estate Co., LLC
Location – 2440 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Mike Walker & Associates Real Estate Co., LLC.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Approve business license for Rayne Dazzle, LLC
Location – 3204 Singletary Drive #140, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Rayne Dazzle, LLC.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring December 2017 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss the City of Baker's sexual harassment and retaliation policies (Alexander)
Council Member Alexander asked that this item be tabled.

2. Change time of council meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Bryant)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to change the time of the council meeting on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
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
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kevin Dreher with Entergy stated that he was at tonight's meeting to reaffirm Entergy's commitment to remedying the problem with street lights in the City of Baker. He asked that street lights that are not working be flagged and reported to Entergy.

Council Member Alexander announced the upcoming Mingle & Jingle event being held on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

Council Member Jackson reminded everyone that the second council meeting in December has been rescheduled, and will be held on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor announced that Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017. Festivities will include lunch with Santa at 11:00 a.m., a hayride, Christmas parade at 4:00 p.m., and the tree lighting at 6:00 p.m., followed by a movie in the park.

The Mayor stated that houses without addresses posted on them are a serious problem – a public safety issue. He said that the city will soon begin an initiative to raise people's awareness of the issue in an effort to ensure that every house can be readily identified by first responders.

Mary Sue Stages, Director of Finance, asked that council members fill out and return the forms she gave them before Thursday, as the auditor has set a firm deadline for submittal.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

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 November 28, 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
November 28, 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 November 28, 2017, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

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

ABSENT

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 Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Niketa King submitted a monthly sales report for October 2017.

The motion was made by Commissioner Heine, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to accept the sales report submitted for October 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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 Bryant to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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
November 28, 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 November 28, 2017, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

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

ABSENT

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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2017.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

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 further business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Waites to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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 November 28, 2017.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council