

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
February 14, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on February 14, 2018, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Brenda G. Jackson

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 Members Bryant/Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize the Baker Police Department for “Seeing the Other Side of the Story” (Alexander)

Council Member Alexander recognized the Baker Police Department for assisting those in need within the community and “Seeing the Other Side of the Story.”

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Approve business license for CTI Auto Finance, Inc.
Location – 14400 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for CTI Auto Finance, Inc.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Approve business license for Ed’s Taxi
Location – 301 East Buffwood Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this item be tabled, as no representative from Ed’s Taxi was present.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Ordinance 2018-8, an ordinance to amend and supplement Ordinance 2016-28 (Mayor) (Introduced 1/23/2018)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2018-8.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Ordinance 2018-9, an ordinance to amend 2018 budget for General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Enterprise Funds based on mid-year review of budget to actual comparisons and current known facts of future events (Mayor) (Introduced 1/23/2018)

Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance was held.

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2018-9

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Ordinance 2018-10, an ordinance to adopt East Baton Rouge City Parish sewer pretreatment ordinance(s) and amendments from time to time in accordance with the inter-jurisdictional agreement between the City of Baker and East Baton Rouge City Parish (Mayor) (Introduced 1/23/2018)

Administrative Assistant Julie McCulloch provided an overview of the proposed ordinance.

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2018-10.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

The Mayor stated that work on condemnations continues – they are being addressed.

Discussion regarding the City of Baker’s condemnation procedures/process was held.

1. 1531 Robinson (Mayor)
2. 2190 Hovey (Mayor)

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2018-11, an ordinance to amend installation/tap fees for new utilities services in the City of Baker and related matters (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the city's current installation/tap fees and the need for increasing said fees was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to introduce Ordinance 2018-11.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Mayor asked that they return to Planning and Zoning Matters as Mr. Eddie Credit, a representative from Ed's Taxi, arrived.

2. *Approve business license for Ed's Taxi
Location – 301 East Buffwood Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)*

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Alexander to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Ed's Taxi.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Approve travel for Ginger Vann's attendance at the Economic Development Course in New Orleans (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve travel for Ginger Vann's attendance at the Economic Development Course in New Orleans.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Discuss Clean Up Day in the City of Baker (Mayor) (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent asked that this item be tabled until he gets the date of the Clean Up Day being planned by City Parish.

Discussion regarding a city-wide Clean Up Day was held.

4. Introduce Ordinance 2018-12, an ordinance to amend and re-enact Baker Code of Ordinances Section 14-1001 et seq. relative to illegal possession of marijuana (Vincent)

Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Bryant to introduce Ordinance 2018-12.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Discussion regarding the legalization of marijuana in other states and the implications such actions have nationally was held.

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

Council Member Vincent announced that free cancer screenings are being held in the area, and distributed flyers with all of the relative information. Council Member Vincent initiated discussion regarding the possibility of devising a more efficient way to notify residents about utility outages. Council Member Vincent stated that he would like to see efforts to clean up Main Street renewed.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Heine provided a history of the Emergency Alert System employed at one time by the City of Baker. He stated that the old air raid siren used in the 1950's and 1960's is still on a pole near St. Paul's Free Baptist Church on Groom Road.

Council Member Bryant asked City Attorney Fabre if he has contacted the Stones regarding the gravel road off of Groom Road. He stated that he left Mrs. Stone a message.

Council Member Alexander announced that the "Walk Together Children" program will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Baker from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The program is being sponsored by the Main Street Pilot Club and City of Baker Schools. The event is a fund raiser benefiting the Baker High School Symphonic Band's invitational trip to perform at Carnegie Hall at the National Band & Orchestra Festival. She thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department and the Baker Charitable Foundation for their generous support of the event. Council Member Alexander invited everyone to attend.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated that he is looking forward to sitting down with each of the council members to discuss the State of the City presentation he gave, and the collective vision of the city's future.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

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 February 14, 2018.

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
February 14, 2018**

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 February 14, 2018, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

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

ABSENT

Brenda G. Jackson

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 Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Heine to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on February 14, 2018.

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
February 14, 2018**

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 February 14, 2018, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

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

ABSENT

Brenda G. Jackson

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 January 23, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioners Heine/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Jackson

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 February 14, 2018.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council