

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
March 27, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on March 27, 2018, 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 Council Member Bryant.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2018.

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 VW Printing
Location – 814 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/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for VW Printing.

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. Proclamation declaring April 2, 2018 as World Autism Awareness Day in the City of Baker (Jackson)
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

Council Member Jackson asked everyone to join her in wearing blue on April 2, 2018. Blue is the color internationally recognized as the symbol for World Autism Awareness Day.

2. Proclamation declaring April 2018 Alcohol 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 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.

3. Proclamation declaring April 2018 as Child Abuse 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 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

1. Ordinance 2018-13, an ordinance to amend the general fund budget to increase capital outlay for the Police Department by \$125,000.00 (Mayor) (Introduced 3/13/2018)

Public meeting was held.

Council Member Vincent initiated discussion regarding when the new vehicles would be available for use.

Council Member Jackson asked for clarification on where the funds are coming from.

Finance Director Mary Sue Stages stated that the funds are coming from prior year surplus.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2018-13.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 1531 Robinson (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that discussion be opened regarding the demolition of 1531 Robinson, saying the council can vote to authorize the city to demolish the structure.

Discussion regarding the condition of the condemned property at 1531 Robinson followed.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine to proceed with the demolition.

Discussion regarding the cost of the demolition was held.

Council Member Bryant seconded the motion made by Council Member Heine to proceed with the demolition.

City Attorney Fabre stated that a lien can be placed on the property once the demolition has been completed.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. 2190 Hovey (Mayor)

The Mayor stated that he met with the owner of the property today. The owner stated that she is going to handle the demolition and she plans to build a new home at this location.

Council Member Heine stated that he is so pleased that the owner plans to build a new home, and that the demolition will not result in an empty lot.

Council Member Vincent suggested that the council include a time frame for improving the property in the motion.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Jackson/Vincent to remove 2190 Hovey from the condemnation list and give the owner 60 days to begin making improvements to the property.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Lakesha Hart – Grow Baton Rouge (Bryant)

Lakesha Hart, Grow Baton Rouge, gave a presentation which outlined how partnering with Grow Baton Rouge will help improve the crops from the City of Baker's community gardens.

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 – Will meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Next meeting will be in June.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Vincent asked that the state address the hole on Lavey Lane. Council Member Vincent stated that a constituent has expressed concern about who the contactor will be for the proposed City of Baker Road Program. Council Member Vincent announced that Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. Council Member Vincent initiated discussion regarding his questions about the budget report the council received at the last meeting. Discussion regarding these questions followed.

Council Member Heine commended the Lion's Club on the fundraiser they held for the Baker High School Symphonic Band's invitational trip to perform at Carnegie Hall at the National Band & Orchestra Festival. He said it was fantastic. Council Member Heine recognized the Mayor for his leadership and the role he played in keeping the zoo in North Baton Rouge. He said that everyone working together made it happen.

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a blessed Resurrection Sunday.

Council Member Alexander announced that the Inter-Club Council's Citizen of the Year Banquet will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. She stated that Desiree Collins is the Citizen of the Year. Tickets for the event are \$15.00.

Council Member Jackson thanked her colleagues for declaring April 2, 2018 World Autism Awareness Day, and thanked everyone in advance for their support and helping to get the word out about autism. She thanked Council Member Alexander for inviting her to the Daddy's Little Girl event. Council Member Jackson thanked the council clerk for her efforts on the World Autism Awareness Day proclamation. She also thanked her constituents who were in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor asked the newly appointed Public Works Director Kelvin Ridgley to introduce himself.

The Mayor stated that the city is working on blighted property.

The Mayor announced that Callihan's, located at 1940 Main Street, has opened. He asked that everyone go out and support the new restaurant.

The Mayor stated that the Economic Development District needs to have a meeting. He asked that the council members consult their calendars so that a time and date can be set.

The Mayor and City Council set a meeting of the Economic Development District for Monday, April 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The Mayor announced that the City of Baker's Career & Education Fair will be held on Friday, May 25, 2018 in the Municipal Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Mayor stated that all of the group homes currently operating in the City of Baker have been approved by the State of Louisiana.

The Mayor announced that the City of Baker will partner with the Southern University Ag Center to have a rodeo for the Buffalo Festival in September.

The Mayor announced that the SALT Conference will be held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Police Chief Dunn outlined his plan to allow residents of local group homes to assist the Police Department with various community events.

The Mayor stated that discussion between the City of Baker, the Police Department and the City of Baker School District regarding resource officers in Baker schools has been initiated. He stated that all Baker schools currently have police patrols.

Council Member Jackson thanked Finance Director Mary Sue Stages for her explanation of where the funds for the police vehicles will come from.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant 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 March 27, 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
March 27, 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 March 27, 2018, 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 Heine, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2018.

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 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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on March 27, 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
March 27, 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 March 27, 2018, 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

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 March 13, 2018.

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 Jackson, 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 March 27, 2018.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council