

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
April 10, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 10, 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 Pastor Alexander.
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 Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 2018.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to add item “1. Approve business license for Mother Daughter Accessories and More (Mayor)” under Planning and Zoning Matters to the agenda.

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 MATTERS

1. Approve business license for Mother Daughter Accessories and More
Location – 3426 Charry Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Mother Daughter Accessories and More.

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 2018 Fair Housing Month in the City of Baker (Mayor)
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, 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.

2. Proclamation declaring April 2018 Parliamentary Law Month in the City of Baker (Mayor)
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine 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 25, 2018 Administrative Professional's Day in the City of Baker (Jackson)
Council Member Jackson provided a brief history of Administrative Professional's Day.

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.

4. Proclamation declaring April 2018 Cancer Control Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent announced that the Zachary/Baker Relay for Life event will be held Friday, April 20, 2018 at Americana from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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.

Council Member Vincent asked that everyone support the American Cancer Society. He also asked that they support the Cheerful Givers Z Team at the upcoming Relay for Life event.

5. Proclamation declaring April 2018 National Occupational Therapy 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

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 1531 Robinson (Mayor)

The Mayor stated that work is being done on the second letter with regards to 1531 Robinson Street.

Discussion regarding possible additions to the condemnation list was held.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

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 – Next meeting will be in June.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Harry Horton, 13309 Brant, asked that the problems with the Utility Department's online bill pay be addressed.

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

Barry Sterling, 4025 Jefferson, commended the city for doing a wonderful job – stating that he feels this is the best the city has run in a long time.

Council Member Vincent verified that Mrs. Tate from Felicity has been in touch with both the Mayor and Julie McCulloch. He stated that he has spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer on three separate occasions and they will be getting together to ride District 1. Council Member Vincent announced that Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. He asked Julie McCulloch to place the Clean-Up Day banners on the main arteries leading into the city.

Council Member Heine stated that he has received complaints about garbage cans being torn up. The Mayor stated that the city is in the process of changing out the existing garbage cans. Council Member Heine stated that he feels that the City of Baker needs to take a leadership role in raising money and supporting the zoo. He said that the ball is now in the City of Baker's court and we need to set an example for the whole parish. Council Member Heine stated that he will be placing discussion of this issue on the next council meeting agenda.

Council Member Bryant announced that the City of Baker now has Healthy Partners. These are individuals who have volunteered to help plant and maintain the community gardens.

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 Baker Municipal Auditorium. She stated that Desiree Collins is the Citizen of the Year. Tickets for the event are \$15.00.

Council Member Jackson announced that free tax assistance will be available at the Baker Branch Library on Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday, April 15, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. She thanked Code Enforcement Officer Belinda Williams for taking a tour of District 5 and the Council Clerk for providing council members with the required Tier 3 form. She also thanked Niketa King for her email detailing the Autism Walk being held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Greater Baton Rouge Resource Center for Autism Spectrum Disorder. Call (225) 216-7474 or go online to register.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor asked each council member to identify five items in their districts, so that they can meet with the administration and work with Code Enforcement to address the issues. He feels that this will help facilitate communication.

The Mayor announced that the Jaguar Rodeo on The Bluff will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 and begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Mayor stated that MeTV is what is getting Baker out there and he asked that everyone watch the program.

The Mayor stated that the city continues to work on flood hazard mitigation.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine 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 April 10, 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
April 10, 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 April 10, 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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 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

Niketa King submitted a monthly sales report for March 2018.

The motion was made by Commissioners Heine/Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to accept the sales report submitted for March 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

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 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
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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
April 10, 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 April 10, 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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 27, 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.

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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 April 10, 2018.

Angela Canady, LCMC
Clerk of Council