

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
June 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on June 26, 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 Vincent.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Waites.

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 June 12, 2018.

Council Member Jackson asked that the minutes of the meeting on June 12, 2018 be amended. She stated that the award she was given by the Baker Rotary Club is the Vocational Service Award, not the Vocation Award.

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.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Bryant to add item “1. Recognize participants in the City of Baker Clean-Up Day June 23, 2018 (Vincent)” under Recognitions to the agenda.

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 Alexander, seconded by Council Member Vincent to add item “2. Approve travel for Chief Dunn (Mayor)” under New Business to the agenda.

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 Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to add item “3. Introduce Ordinance 2018-28, an ordinance to name an

unimproved road donated to the City of Baker “Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane” and to provide for other matters relative to the same (Mayor)” under New Business 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

1. *Recognize participants in the City of Baker Clean-Up Day June 23, 2018 (Vincent)*

Council Member Vincent recognized participants in the City of Baker Clean-Up Day that was held June 23, 2018.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Approve business license for Color Me Greek
Location – 13509 Hico Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

2. Approve business license for Superior Autoplex, LLC
Location – 14319 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

3. Approve business license for Issa Sports, Inc.
Location – 6404 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

4. Approve business license for Integrity Tax Works, LLC
Location – 414 W. Magnolia, Baker, LA (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation establishing Councilman Vincent’s Little Free Library Take a Book – Return a Book Project in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent provided an overview of the initiative and his plans for locations of the Little Free Libraries in the City of Baker.

The Council Clerk read the proclamation.

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

Discussion regarding Little Fee Libraries followed.

2. Proclamation declaring July 2018 as Eye Injury Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The Council Clerk 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 2018-27, an ordinance to amend the City of Baker 2017-2018 annual budgets regarding revenues and expenditures (Mayor) (Introduced 6/12/2018)
Finance Director Mary Sue Stages explained the proposed ordinance.

Public meeting was held.

Finance Director Mary Sue Stages reiterated that an ordinance such as this is introduced/adopted every year.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2018-27.

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 stated that the city will give the owners one more opportunity to address the situation. He feels that the council will be able to vote on demolition at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

2. 4920 Lavey (Mayor)

3. 5002 Lavey (Mayor)

The Mayor reported that both of the properties on Lavey Lane have been demolished.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report on conversation with Mayor regarding the water rate increase (Alexander)
Council Member Alexander reported that she spoke with the Mayor and Finance Director Mary Sue Stages regarding informing residents about a possible water rate increase. She stated that the administration plans to send a letter to all citizens detailing the proposed water rate increase. They feel that this will be more effective than a Town Hall Meeting. The Mayor said that everyone will receive the letter, and residents will have an opportunity to speak. Council Member Alexander said that council members will also have the opportunity to hold meetings in their districts should residents want to speak to them, ask questions, and/or provide input regarding the proposed water rate increase. She stated that she is satisfied with this course of action.

2. *Approve travel for Chief Dunn (Mayor)*

Chief Dunn stated that he would be attending the annual Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Shreveport. He also stated that by attending the conference he would receive six and a half hours of the twelve Continuing Legal Education credits he is required to obtain yearly.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Vincent to approve the travel for Chief Dunn to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police Conference.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

- 3. *Introduce Ordinance 2018-28, an ordinance to name an unimproved road donated to the City of Baker “Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane” and to provide for other matters relative to the same (Mayor)*

Council Member Bryant announced that the road is to be named Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane. She explained that this is the gravel road off of Groom Road that the city is going to improve on behalf of the citizens there. Council Member Bryant said that the improvements would allow emergency vehicles to access the residents living on the road, and facilitate mail being delivered directly to the homes in this area.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to introduce Ordinance 2018-28.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

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 – Will be held this Friday at 6:30 a.m. Garret Graves will be the guest speaker.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Will meet on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Lagniappe.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Vincent expressed his concerns regarding limb and trash pick-up. He said that representatives from Republic told him that one of their buildings was impacted by the recent storm, which explained the delay in service to the residents of Baker. The Mayor stated that the city was overwhelmed with debris following the storm, and we are doing all we can to keep up with the resulting debris. He also asked about the status of the houses on Groom Road that are still in need of repair. The Mayor stated that many of these property owners are waiting on funds from Restore Louisiana to complete the needed repairs. Council Member Vincent asked about the possibility of having a sidewalk put along Lavey Lane. The Mayor stated that Lavey Lane is a state road. He also asked if the City of Baker cuts the ditches along Thomas Road. Administrative Officer Julie McCulloch said that the city does cut the ditches that are within the city limits. Council Member Vincent asked about the procedures being employed by the Code Enforcement Officer regarding junk vehicles, businesses in residential areas and unauthorized accumulation. The Mayor stated that the city follows the procedure outlined in the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Heine invited everyone to ride over to Groom Road and see the new construction that is going on across from Leland College subdivision. He said Red Stick Armature is working. Council Member Heine said that in his opinion this development is going to be big. He feels that it is going to be an asset to the City of Baker. Council Member Heine stated that he would like for the city to pursue annexing the property that housed Renaissance Village following Hurricane Katrina.

Council Member Bryant thanked Public Works Director Kelvin Ridgley for his expediency with work done in District 3. She also thanked Chief Dunn for the Police Department’s vigilance in her district.

Council Member Jackson thanked Council Member Vincent and all of the volunteers that helped with the City of Baker Clean-Up Day. She extended a super thank you to Denise Stevenson for all of her help with cleaning up District 5. Council Member Jackson also

thanked all of the city employees for everything they do.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor thanked everyone who participated in the City of Baker Clean-Up Day. He said he really appreciates all that was done.

The Mayor said he met with Pastor Renee Brown, president of the 4th District of Leland College, regarding the City of Baker's long term goals and plan.

The Mayor announced that the Housing Fair will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

Council Member Heine recognized long-time city employee Don Kyer, who attended the meeting.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Vincent 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 June 26, 2018.

Angela Canady Wall, 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
June 26, 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 June 26, 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 Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 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 June 26, 2018.

Angela Canady Wall, 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
June 26, 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 June 26, 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 Waites to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 12, 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 Waites, 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 of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on June 26, 2018.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council