

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
October 23, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on October 23, 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 Mayor Waites.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

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 October 9, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Beacon Civic and Social Organization for their outstanding service to the Baker community (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Beacon Civic and Social Organization for their outstanding service to the Baker community.

2. Recognize the Lions Club for their outstanding service to the Baker community (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized the Lions Club for their outstanding service to the Baker community.

3. Recognize Civic Pride for their outstanding service to the Baker community (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Civic Pride for their outstanding service to the Baker community.

4. Recognize the Main Street Pilot Club for their outstanding service to the Baker community (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized the Main Street Pilot Club for their outstanding service to the Baker community.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring October 2018 as National Dental Hygiene 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 he spoke with the owner. The owner is aware that he has until Monday to tear the house down. The Mayor said if it is not done by this deadline, the city will demolish the structure.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Community garden planting next week – Fire Department location (Bryant)
Council Member Bryant asked that this agenda item be tabled.

2. Schedule a work session to discuss the appointment process of members to the Fire and Police Civil Service Board and the Municipal Civil Service Board (Jackson)

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Alexander to schedule a work session to discuss the appointment process of members to the Fire and Police Civil Service Board and the Municipal Civil Service Board for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ikeal Davenport, 3341 Chamberlain, expressed his concerns regarding the RV dump site located at the city's maintenance barn. Mr. Davenport feels that a fee should be charged for using the site.

Discussion followed.

Sharon Rafe, 1535 Robinson, asked if the city is involved in any blight programs. The Mayor said the city is working with LMATS.

Council Member Vincent thanked the city employees for cutting the grass throughout the city.

Council Member Bryant invited everyone to attend the Pink and Purple Party being hosted by *Rebirth Magazine* on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Baker Municipal Auditorium. The party is to support breast cancer survivors and domestic abuse victims.

Council Member Jackson thanked Mr. Davenport for enlightening her about the RV dump site and sharing his concerns. She said a special thank you to Mrs. Hickman, recording secretary of Meadows of Chaleur Homeowners Association, for inviting her to meet with them on November 3, 2018. Council Member Jackson thanked the Baker community for their support of the Purple Box Project on behalf of Ms. Toni Jackson and her committee. Council Member Jackson said Ms. Toni Jackson also wanted to thank the Pilot Club for bringing her initiative to the attention of the City Council and for the support of both these groups. Council Member Jackson stated she spoke with Belinda Williams, Code Enforcement Officer, regarding the home at 613 Charles Street and the grass will be cut at this address when the hornet infestation has been dealt with.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Members Heine/Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson 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 Wall, certify that I am 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 October 23, 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
October 23, 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 October 23, 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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 9, 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 monthly sales reports for August 2018 and September 2018.

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Heine to accept the sales reports submitted for August 2018 and September 2018.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Commissioner Vincent asked if the cemetery's budget is balanced. Commissioner Waites said yes.

Commissioner Heine stated that the people taking care of the cemetery are doing a great job. He said the cemetery looks better than he can ever remember it looking.

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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**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
October 23, 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 October 23, 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.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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2. Other Reports
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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 Wall, certify that I am 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 October 23, 2018.

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