

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
December 11, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 11, 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 Members Heine/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 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 the Baker High School football team for going to the playoffs (Mayor)
The Mayor recognized the Baker High School football team for going to the 2018 LHSAA football playoffs.

The Mayor recognized members of the City of Baker School Board present – Dr. Dana Carpenter, Calvin Dees, Sr. and Rosatina Johnson, and asked that they introduce themselves.

2. Recognize Dr. Dana Carpenter for his contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker (Alexander)

Council Member Alexander recognized Dr. Dana Carpenter for his contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker.

3. Recognize Calvin Dees, Sr. for his contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker (Alexander)

Council Member Alexander recognized Calvin Dees, Sr. for his contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker.

4. Recognize Rosatina Johnson for her contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker (Alexander)

Council Member Alexander recognized Rosatina Johnson for her contribution to the educational system in the City of Baker.

5. Recognize Tresa M. Jones for her support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Tresa M. Jones for her support of the Women Helping Empower Women Sisterhood and her willingness to shine the spotlight on the importance of women as influential leaders in all places where decisions are made – especially in the communities we serve.

6. Recognize Lou Ella Joseph for her support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Lou Ella Joseph for her support of the Women Helping Empower Women Sisterhood and her willingness to shine the spotlight on the importance of women as influential leaders in all places where decisions are made – especially in the communities we serve.

7. Recognize Kristin A. Robair for her support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Kristin A. Robair for her support of the Women Helping Empower Women Sisterhood and her willingness to shine the spotlight on the importance of women as influential leaders in all places where decisions are made – especially in the communities we serve.

8. Recognize Tonya M. Williams for her support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Tonya M. Williams for her support of the Women Helping Empower Women Sisterhood and her willingness to shine the spotlight on the importance of women as influential leaders in all places where decisions are made – especially in the communities we serve.

9. Recognize Portia T. Bell for her support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson recognized Portia T. Bell for her support of the Women Helping Empower Women Sisterhood and her willingness to shine the spotlight on the importance of women as influential leaders in all places where decisions are made – especially in the communities we serve.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Approve business license for Ponderosa Garden, LLC
Location – 3010 Ray Weiland Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)

The Mayor stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission forwarded an unfavorable recommendation to the council. The Planning & Zoning Commission based their recommendation on insufficient parking at the proposed location.

Discussion regarding the request for business license for Ponderosa Garden, LLC, the Planning & Zoning Commission's unfavorable recommendation and the reasoning behind their decision was held.

The Mayor stated that he asked Mr. Dike to submit a business plan to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Dike stated that he was not aware that he needed to present a written plan to the commission.

Discussion regarding a business plan for Ponderosa Garden, LLC was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Heine to grant Mr. Dike 60 days to prepare a business plan and address the parking situation before returning to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Discussion regarding a business plan for Ponderosa Garden, LLC resumed.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Heine to grant Mr. Dike 60 days to prepare a business plan to present to the Planning & Zoning Commission, prior to returning to the council.

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

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Discussion regarding the Ponderosa Garden, LLC followed.

2. Approve business license for Bayou Ice, LLC
Location – 14616 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

3. Approve business license for Bayou Ice, LLC
Location – 150-A Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

4. Approve business license for Funky Fingers Production Studio
Location – 1080 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

5. Approve business license for Boss Up Studio
Location – 5505 Groom 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 Boss Up Studio.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

6. **2018-31 – Subdivision and Annexation Request**

Kermit Johnson

Location: Lots 1-5-1 and 1-5-2, 1-A, 1-B & 1-C Sunshine Gardens

Into Lots 1-5- 2-A, 1-5-1A, 1-5-1-B, 1-5-1-C, 1-5-1-D, 1-A-1, 1-B-1 & 1-C-1 (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring December 2018 as Safe Toys and Celebrations 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 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 2098 Hovey (Mayor)

The Mayor stated that the city sent out another letter. He said that no action will be taken on this property until after the holidays.

Council Member Heine initiated discussion regarding 2098 Hovey.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule celebration of Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane (Bryant)
Council Member Bryant asked that the scheduling of the celebration be delayed until next Tuesday. She stated that she will have more information at that time.

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 thanked Council Member Heine for remembering his recently departed sister in the invocation. Council Member Vincent announced that Pennington Biomedical Research Center is currently conducting several studies and they are in need of participants. For more information call (225) 763-3000.

Council Member Heine said the overlay project is moving right along. He said they're doing a good job.

Council Member Bryant offered her congratulations to Carlton Edward Wayne Dunn, the son of Police Chief Carl Dunn. Mr. Dunn graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Council Member Alexander announced that the 3rd annual Jingle & Mingle event will be held Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Baker Municipal Center. She said the trolley car will run again this year, for those who need transportation to the event.

Council Member Jackson thanked Portia T. Bell, Tresa M. Jones, Lou Ella Joseph, Kristin A. Robair and Tonya M. Williams again, for helping her to fulfill her initiative and their support of the Women Helping to Empower Women Sisterhood. She announced that Michael Gaines, IMANI, LLC, is hosting a holiday Old School Bash on Saturday, December 15, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Council Member Jackson thanked everyone for signing the sympathy card for Dr. Vincent and presented him with the card from his colleagues and a card from the Jackson family.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor announced that Santa will be riding on the fire truck again this year. The schedule is now available in the Mayor's office.

The Mayor reported the Christmas parade was good, and everyone enjoyed the festivities that followed. He thanked the Rotary Club for their involvement.

The Mayor asked that everyone make an effort to attend the Nativity being put on by the Langford family on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Admission to the event is free.

The Mayor announced the MLK program will be held in January and the guest speaker will be Representative Barbara Carpenter.

The Mayor asked that residents be patient with the ongoing road work being done throughout the city.

The Mayor stated that remodeling work has begun on the Voter Registration building.

The Mayor said the gym located on Alabama street, which is owned by the city, has programs for the kids in our community.

Mayor Waites recognized former Mayor Leroy Davis. Dr. Davis announced that graduation at Southern University will be on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

Council Member Vincent stated that residents of Parkwood Terrace received the notice from the city stating that repairs will be made on the water hydrant on Ector.

The Mayor stated that he attended Council Member Heine's 90th surprise birthday party and it was a wonderful celebration. He led the assembly in singing "Happy Birthday" to Council Member Heine.

Council Member Heine thanked everyone and said his 90th birthday celebration was wonderful.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member 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 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 December 11, 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
December 11, 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 December 11, 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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 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

1. Discuss placement of benches in cemetery

This agenda item was tabled.

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Niketa King submitted monthly sales reports for October 2018 and November 2018.

The motion was made by Commissioner Heine, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the sales reports submitted for October 2018 and November 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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioners Alexander/Heine/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.

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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
December 11, 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 December 11, 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

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NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

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2. Other Reports
3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

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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 December 11, 2018.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council