

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
December 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 18, 2018, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Mayor Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Doris Alexander presided.
The invocation was given by Council Member Heine.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jackson.

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 December 11, 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 Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add item “1. Recognize Evelyn Johnson for achievement of a life long goal – graduating from Southern University (Bryant)” 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.

RECOGNITIONS

1. *Recognize Evelyn Johnson for achievement of a life long goal – graduating from Southern University (Bryant)*

Council Member Bryant recognized Evelyn Johnson for achievement of a life long goal – graduating from Southern University.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring Sunday, January 20, 2019 as Justice Sunday in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Members Bryant/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.

2. Proclamation declaring the week of December 26, 2018 – January 1, 2019 as Celebration of Kwanzaa Week in 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)

This agenda item was tabled.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2018-33, an ordinance to amend the operating budget of governmental funds general fund revenues and expenditures special revenue funds revenues and expenditures City of Baker, LA fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2018-34, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Baker Code of Ordinances Part 1 Article VIII “Miscellaneous” relative to the prohibition of landlord retaliation and related matters (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

3. Introduce Ordinance 2018-35, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Baker Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12 (Floods), Article I (In General) and Article II (Flood Damage Prevention), particularly Sections 12-44 through 12-46, and related matters (Mayor)

This agenda item was tabled.

4. Schedule celebration of Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant announced that a ribbon cutting will be held on January 15, 2019 on Dr. M.L.K., Jr. Lane. She invited everyone to come out and celebrate. Council Member Bryant provided an overview of the street project and reiterated the need for the improvements, as well as the positive impact its completion will have on the residents.

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

Bill Davis, 13314 London, expressed his concerns regarding the current street overlay project. He stated that he is disappointed with the road choices and questioned the work that is being done. Mr. Davis posed the following questions – Was there a traffic study done? What’s the selection process for paving? Who is the contractor and what is their license number? What are the names of the people involved? What was the cost for the work done on Daveco Street? Does the city have any one to go behind the contractor to check?

Discussion followed.

Administrative Officer Julie McCulloch asked that Mr. Davis give her his contact information so that a meeting can be arranged to address his concerns.

Discussion regarding the street overlay project resumed.

Council Member Vincent thanked the council for being so gracious about the passing of his sister. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, encouraged them to take advantage of Kwanzaa and to be safe.

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy 2019.

Council Member Alexander invited everyone to come to the 3rd annual Jingle & Mingle event being held Thursday, December 20, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Baker Municipal Center.

Council Member Jackson wished the constituents of District 5 a safe ending and a prosperous beginning in 2019. She thanked Mr. Davis for expressing his concerns and said she would like to meet with him.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, 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 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 18, 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 18, 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 18, 2018, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Alexander presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioners Heine/Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 11, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss placement of benches in cemetery

Discussion was held regarding the request made by three families to place benches in the cemetery.

The motion was made by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to authorize the Baker Cemeterian to make an exception for the placement of benches by Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Uber, such placement will be determined under the parameters of the director of the cemetery at their cost.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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 18, 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 18, 2018, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Alexander 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 December 11, 2018.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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ADJOURN

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YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by 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 Board of Commissioners of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on December 18, 2018.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council