

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
March 12, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on March 12, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT
Doris Alexander

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Mr. Eric Burges.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant.

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 February 26, 2019.

Council Member Jackson asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be amended and a correction made to item number two under Planning and Zoning Matters – La Belle Events – Personal Catering Service located at 910 Main Street. The minutes show she voted in favor of approving their request for a business license. Council Member Jackson voted “No” on approval of the business license for La Belle Events – Personal Catering Service.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to amend the minutes of the previous meeting held February 26, 2019.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Vote was called for on the previous motion and second made to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2019.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize participants of Operation Fresh Start – Ebony Brown, Council Member Glenda Bryant, City Prosecutor Christopher Dassau, Chief of Police Carl Dunn and Council Member Charles Vincent (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized participants of Operation Fresh Start – Ebony Brown, Council Member Glenda Bryant, City Prosecutor Christopher Dassau, Chief of Police Carl Dunn

and Council Member Charles Vincent.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Communication Specialist Unlimited
Location – 1907 Landry Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Communication Specialist Unlimited.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Geaux Time Auto Sales, LLC
Location – 13910 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Geaux Time Auto Sales, LLC.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. TCB Beauty Bae
Location – 3205 Lavey Lane, Baker, LA (Mayor)

The company's representative stated that the correct name of the business is TC3 Beauty Bar.

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for TC3 Beauty Bar.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Gigi's Catering
Location – 308 Celeste Drive, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Gigi's Catering.

Council Member Jackson initiated discussion regarding requirements for a catering business beyond those of the City of Baker. She asked that the applicant be certain she is in compliance with the state and agencies such as DHH.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Vincent to defer the request for a business license for Gigi's Catering.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring March 2019 as National Kidney 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: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Vincent distributed flyers detailing various free cancer screenings taking place in the Baton Rouge area. He also announced Fest for Life is being held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 4th and North Street in downtown Baton Rouge.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

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 – Will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lagniappe.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Angela Trahan, 1631 Landry, stated that garbage cans are not being replaced properly after being emptied. She said they are being left all over. Ms. Trahan asked the Mayor and City Council to consider this when contract negotiations for waste disposal begin.

Morris Anderson, 4506 Fausse, expressed his concerns regarding the Baker Police Department. He asked that the parking problems in Meadows of Chaleur be addressed.

Ikeal Davenport, 3341 Chamberlain, stated he would like a date placed on the letter sent out by the city regarding the RV dump site closure. Mr. Davenport asked that the letter be entered into the public record.

Council Member Vincent stated that spring is here and he will be out, along with Mrs. Vincent, picking up litter in District 1. He encouraged everyone to do the same in their neighborhoods.

Council Member Bryant stated that Dr. Dana Carpenter is in the hospital. She asked that everyone keep him in their prayers. She reported that the LSU Coastal Sustainability Open House held Saturday, March 9, 2019 – Re-Imagine the Heart of Baker – was a huge success. She thanked everyone who attended.

Council Member Heine asked that everyone keep former council member Fred Russell in their prayers. Mr. Russell has been placed in a nursing home.

Council Member Jackson thanked Mr. Anderson for expressing his concerns. She thanked Council Member Heine for acknowledging Fred Russell. She asked that everyone keep Council Member Doris Alexander in their prayers. Council Member Jackson thanked those who attended the District 15 Community Meeting hosted by Senator Regina Barrow and Representative Barbara Carpenter held Monday, March 11, 2019 at the Baker Branch Library.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated that the ribbon cutting held at the Registrar of Voter’s office on Friday was well attended and very nice.

The Mayor announced Family Day in the Park is being held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until dark at Jefferson Street park. Flyers are available.

The Mayor announced the circus will be in town on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Baker City Park. Flyers and coupons for tickets are available now.

The Mayor said that Administrative Officer Julie McCulloch met with representatives from several agencies regarding group homes in the City of Baker. He reported it was extremely productive. Administrative Officer Julie McCulloch stated that a committee is being formed and future meetings are to be scheduled which will allow for input from residents.

The Mayor reiterated the importance of everyone investing in the City of Baker in order to move forward.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**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 March 12, 2019.

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
March 12, 2019**

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 March 12, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Doris Alexander

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 February 26, 2019.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Niketa King submitted monthly sales reports for January 2019 and February 2019.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioners Jackson/Vincent to accept the sales reports submitted for January 2019 and February 2019.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Other Reports

3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

There was no other business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioners Jackson/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on March 12, 2019.

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
March 12, 2019**

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 March 12, 2019, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Doris Alexander

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 February 26, 2019.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Vincent initiated discussion regarding the Utility Department's answering service. Commissioner Waites stated turn around time for a return phone call is 24 hours or less.

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 Commissioners Heine/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

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 March 12, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council