

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
March 26, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on March 26, 2019, 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 City Attorney Fabre.
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 March 12, 2019.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. In honor of the naming of the Thomas Woods Fire Station on Harding Boulevard and in recognition of Army veteran Thomas Woods who served as the first African American Fire Chief in the City of Baton Rouge and in the City of Baker (Vincent) Council Member Vincent asked if he could recognize Mrs. Woods and members of the Woods family later in the meeting as they had not arrived.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

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

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

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Options Hair Salon
Location – 4686 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring April 2019 as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson read the proclamation.

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

Council Member Vincent presented Mrs. Thomas Woods and members of the Woods family a certificate in honor of the naming of the Thomas Woods Fire Station on Harding Boulevard and in recognition of Army veteran Thomas Woods who served as the first African American Fire Chief in the City of Baton Rouge and in the City of Baker.

2. Proclamation declaring April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Jackson)

Council Member Jackson read the proclamation.

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

Ms. Jackson, with ASHA #1132 Order of the Eastern Star, gave a presentation on upcoming activities aimed at ending child sexual abuse. She provided an overview of Pinwheel P.O.W.E.R. a program that allows individuals to purchase pinwheels for \$2.00. Proceeds support proven activities designed to prevent child abuse and neglect before they occur and to start conversations about the important role we play in helping children thrive. Ms. Jackson also announced the POWER 5K Run & Walk being held Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Baker City Park. The event begins at 8:00 a.m. and the registration fee is \$15.00. Ms. Jackson encouraged everyone to participate and support these initiatives. Flyers are available.

3. Proclamation declaring April 2019 as Minority Health 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 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.

4. Proclamation declaring April 2019 as Oral Cancer 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 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

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2019-10, an ordinance to amend the General Fund budget of governmental funds and the Utility Fund of proprietary funds for City of Baker, Louisiana for fiscal year 2018-2019 (Mayor)

Finance Director Mary Sue Stages provided an explanation of the proposed ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to introduce Ordinance 2019-10.

Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance was held.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Vincent

NAYS: Alexander, Jackson

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-2.

2. Discuss what VA services the public would like to see in the City of Baker (Bryant)

1. Counseling
2. Job training, etc.

Council Member Bryant initiated discussion regarding what VA services the public would like to see in the City of Baker. She stated that counseling and job training are always paramount. Army veteran Greg Sanders, 3250 Adams Street, asked that the city focus on the following services – physical and occupational therapy, mental stimulation for older vets, some form of religious leadership, service animals and a nutritionist. The need for transportation to and from appointments and hospitals was discussed as well.

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 – The event will be held in June. The committee plans to meet tomorrow.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee

- d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Greg Sanders, 3250 Adams, commended Council Members Jackson and Vincent on bringing awareness to the citizens of Baker and asked if they could add mental health to their arsenal. Mr. Sanders asked the Mayor if in the future the city could hold a Veterans Day Parade and add a Juneteenth celebration.

Ikeal Davenport, 3341 Chamberlain, thanked Public Works Director Kelvin Ridgley for the information he provided for him after the last council meeting.

Council Member Vincent encouraged everyone to get involved and provide input on their vision for the City of Baker with regards to bike and walking paths. He said residents can go to www.walkbikecapitalregion.com to vote on the elements they would like to see implemented. Council Member Vincent announced that the Lions Club and City of Baker School System are sponsoring a uniform and scholarship fundraising dinner for the Baker High School Band. The dinners will feature fried fish and chicken wings and are \$8.00. The event will be held Friday, April 19, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Baker High School.

Council Member Alexander left the meeting.

Council Member Vincent thanked city employees for all they do.

Council Member Bryant said that as we move forward in unity there have been two ribbon cuttings. They were held at Smoothies – N – Things Café and Furniture City.

Council Member Jackson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated that she was glad to see the Baker Chamber of Commerce is up and running. Council Member Jackson thanked everyone for their support of the sexual assault awareness programs and she looks forward to seeing everyone on April 27, 2019. She said that residents can be virtual participants in the event if they are unable to attend. Council Member Jackson thanked the Clerk of the Council for her work on the proclamations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated that there are a lot of positive things going on in the city and we are moving forward in unity.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine 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 26, 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 26, 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 26, 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 Heine, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 12, 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 asked how things were going at the cemetery. Commissioner Waites said we are doing good.

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 Heine, seconded by Commissioner 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**

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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 26, 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 26, 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

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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

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ADJOURN

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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 26, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council