

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
April 23, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on April 23, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**  
Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Doris Alexander  
Glenda Bryant  
Brenda G. Jackson  
Dr. Charles Vincent

**ABSENT**  
Pete Heine

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Waites presided.  
The invocation was given by Pastor Cedric Murphy.  
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 April 9, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add the proclamation for Dr. Dana Carpenter to the agenda.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Heine

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Heine arrived.

*Proclamation – Dr. Dana Carpenter (Mayor)*  
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, 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.

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. Recognize Howard Bonaventure for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Howard Bonaventure for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker.

2. Recognize Delores Cavalier-Charles for her years of outstanding service to the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Delores Cavalier-Charles for her years of outstanding service to the City of Baker.

3. Recognize Charles Hicks for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Charles Hicks for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker.

4. Recognize Bill Scott for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker (Mayor)

Mr. Scott did not attend the meeting.

5. Recognize Andrew Stamps for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Andrew Stamps for his years of outstanding service to the City of Baker.

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

1. Anointed Touch Barber and Beauty Salon LLC  
Location – 1434 Main Street, Suite A, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Bryant to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Anointed Touch Barber and Beauty Salon LLC.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Red Dot Storage 152, LLC  
Location – 12770 and 12754 Plank Road, 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 Red Dot Storage 152, LLC.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Lee's Towing, LLC  
Location – 3300 Baker Boulevard, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Lee's Towing, LLC.

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 National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Bryant)  
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, 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.

2. Proclamation declaring April 2019 Parliamentary Law Month (Bryant)  
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

3. Proclamation declaring May 4, 2019 Lemonade Day in the City of Baker (Jackson)  
Council Member Jackson read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, 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.

4. Proclamation declaring May 2019 Lupus Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Jackson)  
Council Member Jackson read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, 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.

**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

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Sharon Horton, 1864 Florida, expressed her concerns regarding abandoned houses on her street and in her neighborhood. She also reported that limbs falling from trees on neighboring properties have caused extensive damage to her property on several occasions.

Morris Alexander, 4506 Fausse, expressed concerns regarding Meadows of Chaleur subdivision. Mr. Alexander reported that cars parking on the street continues to be a problem throughout the neighborhood. He also stated that Rose Hill Baptist Church's congregation blocks Harding Street during services – creating a one lane road. Council Member Jackson said Mr. Alexander attended a previous council meeting and voiced these concerns. Council Member Jackson stated for the record that when and if a meeting with the Mayor, the Police Chief and Mr. Alexander is held she would like to be included.

Council Member Vincent thanked Public Works Director Kelvin Ridgley for having the street light that was down in Parkwood Terrace subdivision repaired. He stated he attended the Comite River Diversion Canal ground breaking ceremony and it was a great event.

Council Member Bryant said BREC is currently planning to do additions to the building at Greenwood Park and she is looking forward to that.

Council Member Alexander announced the Citizen of the Year banquet is being held Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Pat Shingleton will emcee the event. Tickets are \$15.00. She asked that everyone come out and support the honorees.

Council Member Jackson thanked Veronica Spight for inviting her to attend the annual Daddy's Girls, International luncheon. She announced the POWER 5K Run & Walk is 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. 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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Mayor asked that everyone support the POWER 5K Run & Walk this Saturday.

The Mayor said he wanted to schedule a workshop to discuss the CDBG grant for a water tower and fire station on the west side of the city.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to schedule a workshop on Thursday, May 2, 2019 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.

The Mayor asked that everyone come out and support Baker Little League.

The Mayor stated that the Baker High School softball team is doing well.

The Mayor said flyers are available concerning Baker Blast. He asked everyone to support this voluntary communication program which utilizes texts in emergency situations.

The Mayor asked that residents not blow leaves into the ditches, as doing so has a negative impact on drainage.

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, 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 April 23, 2019.

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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  
April 23, 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 April 23, 2019, 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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 9, 2019.

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 a monthly sales report for March 2019.

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to accept the sales report submitted for March 2019.

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 Bryant, 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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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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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  
April 23, 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 April 23, 2019, 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**

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 April 9, 2019.

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**

Commissioner Vincent asked for clarification on several utility billing issues. Discussion regarding City-Parish's method for determining the \$45.00 charge Baker residents see on their utility bills and other billing issues followed.

**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 Alexander, seconded by Commissioner 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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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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