

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
May 28, 2019  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on May 28, 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 Council Member Bryant.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Heine.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2019 with an addition.

Council Member Bryant asked that an amendment be made to the minutes of the May 14, 2019 council meeting. She stated she attended the scheduled work session on May 2, 2019.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine that this be added to the minutes.

Council Member Bryant said she heard Kevin Gravois's proposal, and she understood it was important that he get the information to the council. Despite not having a quorum, Mr. Gravois still gave council members the information they needed in order to make a decision.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2019 with the amendment made by Council Member Bryant.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Heine commended the Mayor and his staff on the job they did putting the budget together. He said they have done a magnificent job.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

1. O's Maintenance, LLC  
Location – 508 Daniels Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. E-Z Klean Carwash, LLC

Location – 580 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Bryant to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for E-Z Klean Carwash, LLC.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Affordable Tires

Location – 1814 Main Street, Suite A, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Affordable Tires.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

4. EVO Alarm, LLC

Location – Baker, LA (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this item be tabled.

5. **Re-Zone Request of Property**

Myrtle St. Tract w-2 Lot F, Location in Section 29, township 5 south, range 1 east, Greenburg Land District, Baker, Louisiana (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this item be tabled.

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Resolution to adopt citizen participation plan – LCDBG Program (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Resolution to hire administration services – LCDBG Program (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The Mayor stated PEC and Anderson Consulting should be included in the motion.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member

Vincent to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Alexander requested a copy of the previous meeting's minutes.

3. Resolution to hire engineering services – LCDBG Program (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Alexander stated for the record anywhere and as many times as possible, please involve minority and union contractors and pay a living wage. She feels that city employees, especially those in maintenance, should be paid \$15.00 an hour.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

4. Resolution to readopt procurement policy – LCDBG Program (Mayor)  
City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to adopt the resolution.

Council Member Bryant said she moves to adopt all the resolutions because they will allow the city to do the improvements needed to our infrastructure so the city can move forward with new businesses, residences and subdivisions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Alexander reiterated her desire to include minority contractors, union workers and paying a living wage - \$15.00 an hour.

Discussion regarding living wage was held.

5. Proclamation declaring June 2019 National Military Appreciation Month in the City of Baker (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant expressed her gratitude for all military personnel.

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.

6. Proclamation declaring June 2019 Cataract 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 Bryant 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.

7. Proclamation declaring June 2019 Juneteenth Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)  
Council Member Vincent gave a presentation on the history of Juneteenth.

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

8. Proclamation declaring June 2019 National Safety 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 Alexander 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 – Event will be held Friday, June 28, 2019 and the guest speaker is Terrica Williams. Tickets are \$5.00.
  - c. Strategic Planning Committee
  - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Barry Sterling, 4025 Jefferson Street, asked for the status of the RaceTrac. City Attorney Fabre stated the way has been cleared for RaceTrac to do business in the City of Baker, there is no more litigation.

Council Member Vincent wished everyone a safe and happy summer.

Council Member Heine said the tree that fell across Groom Road and resulted in about half of the city being without power, highlights the need for a fire station and water well on the west side of the city.

Council Member Bryant announced the Farmers Market is being held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Baker City Park. She also announced that June is the beginning of hurricane season. She asked that everyone stay alert and be prepared. Council Member Bryant asked that everyone be aware of the rising water levels as well. She told the Mayor she would like to research a Community Development Block Grant for the houses on McHugh Road. The grant would be used to purchase the homes and relocate residents. Once the homes are demolished, the area would be used as wetlands. She also stated in the future she would like to see Baker schools on the list of recipients of Exxon's STEM grants.

Council Member Heine commended the Chamber of Commerce on the wonderful crawfish boil they hosted.

The Mayor thanked Council Member Bryant for her efforts to bring Grow Baton Rouge – the Farmers Market to the City of Baker.

Council Member Alexander announced the Main Street Pilot Club's A White Linen Event scholarship fundraiser will be held Friday, May 31, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$30.00.

Council Member Jackson thanked Council President Alexander and Council Vice-President Vincent for having the work sessions on the budget. She said they were very enlightening and productive. She thanked the owners of 2 Vets Automotive, LLC and Baker Garden and Supply, LLC for their hospitality at the ribbon cuttings held at their respective locations. Council Member Jackson thanked the constituents of District 5 for their support.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The Mayor said that the two ribbon cuttings held on Friday are an indication that people are investing in the City of Baker.

The Mayor said that CDB grants are being researched for repetitive loss areas.

The Mayor explained that the Noah Grant is for redevelopment of property. He stated the City of Baker is a part of it, and Southern University will assist with the grant. The Mayor said four houses in the Leland area have been chosen and Leland will be the test area. He said the next four houses will be in District 3.

The Mayor stated the city's Master Plan is almost complete. He said upon completion the plan will be presented to the council. There will also be a Town Hall meeting to present it to residents for their input.

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Members Alexander/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 May 28, 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  
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BAKER, LA 70714  
May 28, 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 May 28, 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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 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
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, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

**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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on May 28, 2019.

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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  
May 28, 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 May 28, 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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioners Bryant/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 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
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 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.

**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 May 28, 2019.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council