

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
June 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on June 11, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Doris Alexander
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT
Glenda Bryant

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Pastor Eric Burgess.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

Council Member Alexander stated that she misspoke at the previous council meeting. She wanted to clarify – proceeds from the Pilot Club’s White Linen Event were solely for Baker High School seniors, and not to benefit the Dr. Dana Carpenter Scholarship Fund.

Council Member Alexander asked that item 1. BREC superintendent Corey Wilson (Mayor) under New Business be moved up on the agenda to follow Recognitions.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Members Jackson/Vincent to move item 1. BREC superintendent Corey Wilson (Mayor) under New Business up on the agenda to follow Recognitions.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bryant
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 item 4. Approve travel for Chief Dunn to attend the National Civil Rights Conference under New Business to the agenda.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2019.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

Council Member Alexander announced the Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations will recognize Jean Byers on June 22, 2019 at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.

1. Proclamation of support for Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations honoree Jean Green Byers (Alexander)

Council Member Jackson read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Mayor recognized the fireman who rescued a senior citizen from a residence that was on fire – Tremell McKenzie, Jacobi Dunn, Tyler Severio, Ronald Brady and Mark Adams.

1. BREC superintendent Corey Wilson (Mayor)

BREC superintendent Corey Wilson gave a presentation on and initiated discussion regarding future projects that are to take place at BREC facilities throughout East Baton Rouge Parish. He announced that BREC will unveil the plans for Greenwood Park and the Baton Rouge Zoo on August 17, 2019.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation of support for Baton Rouge Council on Human Relations honoree Jean Green Byers (Alexander)

This agenda item was addressed under Recognitions.

2. Resolution to pay a living wage and benefits for all City of Baker employees (Alexander)

Council Member Jackson read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Mayor stated for the record that he is in total agreement with and completely supports the resolution.

3. Proclamation declaring June 2019 as Alzheimer’s & Brain 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, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Proclamation declaring June 19, 2019 as World Sickle Cell Day in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Ordinance 2019-11, an ordinance to adopt the operating budget of General Fund revenues and expenditures, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to adopt Ordinance 2019-11.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Jackson asked that the council be provided with a detailed and more specific breakdown of each line item in the budget.

Council Member Jackson asked how much longer the city will employ Faulk & Winkler, as she feels the money being spent for their services could be used to fund pay raises for city employees. The Mayor stated that this will probably be their last year.

2. Ordinance 2019-12, an ordinance to adopt the operating budget of Special Revenue Funds revenues and expenditures, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Alexander to adopt Ordinance 2019-12.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Ordinance 2019-13, an ordinance to adopt the Capital Budget and Capital Program of governmental funds, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to adopt Ordinance 2019-13.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Ordinance 2019-14, an ordinance to adopt the budget of Utility Fund revenues, expenditures and capital improvements, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Heine to adopt Ordinance 2019-14.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

5. Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance to adopt the budget of Cemetery Fund revenues, expenditures and capital improvements, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Heine to adopt Ordinance 2019-15.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

6. Ordinance 2019-16, an ordinance to adopt the budget of Sewer Revenue Fund revenues, expenditures and capital improvements, City of Baker, LA, fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (Mayor) (Introduced 5/14/2019)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2019-16.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. BREC superintendent Corey Wilson (Mayor)

This agenda item was moved up and addressed after Recognitions.

2. Approve travel to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference for Chief of Police Dunn (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve travel to the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference for Chief of Police Dunn.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Resolution to place notification of the Baker Buffalo Festival in *Country Roads* magazine (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Bryant
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. *Approve travel for Chief Dunn to attend the National Civil Rights Conference*

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to approve travel to the National Civil Rights Conference for Chief of Police Dunn.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees – Flyers are available listing upcoming events.
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival – Will have rides this year.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast – Event will be held Friday, June 28, 2019 and the guest speaker is Terrica Williams.
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement – Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lagniappe.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Louvanna Pope, 2701 Hovey Avenue, expressed her concerns and initiated discussion regarding the canal in Leland College that facilitates drainage near her home.

Kenneth Wackett, 14305 Felicity, spoke on behalf of Feliciana Subdivision. He stated residents are concerned about small children riding 4-wheelers in the subdivision and vehicles speeding through the subdivision. Mr. Wackett said the Cinco de Mayo celebration held in the shopping center parking lot on Plank Road was horrible. He said the noise from the event shook the neighborhood for six hours. Mr. Wackett said something must be done about the continuous violation of the city's noise ordinance.

Charles Roberts, 408 Charles Avenue, asked about the outcome of the rezoning request for the property off Lavey Lane. The Mayor stated the next Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Freida Spann, 701 Myrtle, expressed her concerns regarding the ditch in front of her property and the lack of drainage in this area.

Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor and his staff for cutting the grass. He also informed residents about the East Baton Rouge Parish Citizens Damage Report form that can be filled out to report damages incurred during the excessive rainfall on June 5, 2019. Council Member Vincent congratulated Tywana Taylor on winning the St. Jude Dream Home.

Council Member Heine initiated discussion regarding the plight of the residents of Feliciana Subdivision. He asked if the owner is in violation of the ordinance and said if he is then something needs to be done one way or the other.

Council Member Jackson thanked Senator Regina Barrow for her June 9, 2019 Flag Day celebration and extended a special thank you to the lady veterans for demonstrating and explaining the purpose of folding the flag. She announced free HIV testing will be done Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Community

Church of Baton Rouge located at 7747 Tom Drive for National HIV Testing Day. She thanked the constituents of District 5 for sharing and expressing their concerns with her, all their input and for their words of encouragement and support.

Council Member Vincent asked about the status of the complaint brought forward by Ms. Tate. The Mayor stated the property will be on the next agenda under condemnations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor asked that residents not put trash in the ditches, as this obstructs the flow of water and prohibits drainage.

The Mayor said the city works tirelessly to provide up to the minute information to residents on events and happenings within the city. He asked everyone to sign up for Baker Blast.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 June 11, 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
June 11, 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 June 11, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Glenda Bryant

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 May 28, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 a monthly sales report for May 2019.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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
June 11, 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 June 11, 2019, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites

ABSENT

Glenda Bryant

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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 28, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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 Alexander, seconded by Commissioners Jackson/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Bryant

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 June 11, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council