

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

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on July 23, 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 Mayor Waites.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant.

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 July 9, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Alexander to add Paul Sawyer with Congressman Garret Graves' office to the agenda under Recognitions.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

Paul Sawyer with Congressman Garret Graves' office presented a yearly report/update on Louisiana's 6th District. Mr. Sawyer provided information on the Comite River Diversion Canal Project, a companion flood control project which will clear/dredge five major bayous in East Baton Rouge Parish and other drainage improvement projects. Mr. Sawyer reminded everyone that no matter the concern or question, they can always contact Congressman Graves' office for assistance.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring July 2019 Cord Blood Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Bryant)

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring August 2019 National Immunization 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

1. 13950 Plank Road (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

The Mayor said properties on Groom Road and in Leland College will be added to the next agenda under 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 – Museum Director Cynthia Grimes was on Channel 2 promoting the City of Baker’s collaboration with Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center.
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, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Lagniappe.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ikeal Davenport, 3314 Chamberlain, reiterated the seriousness of the problem with horses in the Leland College neighborhood. Mr. Davenport said the city has ordinances to address this situation and every one of these laws is being violated. He said he wants to see the city’s ordinances enforced. Mr. Davenport stated he expects action, as well as results, within thirty days. The Mayor stated that the city has a plan to address the situation.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Vincent asked the Mayor if *Country Roads* magazine has been contacted regarding the upcoming Buffalo Festival. The Mayor stated they have been

contacted, and they hope to run the article twice. Council Member Vincent announced various free cancer screenings that are taking place in the Baton Rouge area. Flyers were distributed. He also asked that the city cut the grass on Thomas Road.

Council Member Bryant reminded everyone to remain vigilante and stay prepared for hurricane season. She announced the LSU Coastal Sustainability Committee will be in the city tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Heine stated that Sadie Roberts-Joseph had a Baker connection. He said Roberts-Joseph had a great message – that we have to come together as a people. He said she was a wonderful person. Council Member Heine said her daughter was his next-door neighbor. He said the Mayor represented the City of Baker at her funeral yesterday.

Council Member Alexander announced the Rotary Club will assist Museum Director Cynthia Grimes with the Family Health Day on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage Museum & Cultural Center.

Council Member Jackson announced a job fair for welders. The event is being hosted by Southland Steel on Thursday, August 8, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Northshore Technical Community College, 111 Pride Drive, Hammond, Louisiana. She thanked the constituents of District 5 for continuing to express/share their concerns and for their continued support.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, 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 July 23, 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
July 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 July 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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 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 June 2019.

The motion was made by Commissioner Heine, seconded by Commissioners Alexander/Vincent to accept the sales report submitted for June 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 Heine, 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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**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
July 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 July 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

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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 thanked the Utility Department for the insert included in the monthly utility bill which explained City Parish's charges.

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report
2. Other Reports
3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

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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**

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 July 23, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council