

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
September 10, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 10, 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 Heine.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Heine to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 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 have item “1. Ordinance 2019-21, an ordinance to grant and extend a cable television franchise agreement with and to Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC and to provide for related matters (Mayor) (Introduced 8/27/2019)” under Public Meeting moved up on the agenda so it follows the Disposition of the Minutes of Previous Meeting.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

1. Ordinance 2019-21, an ordinance to grant and extend a cable television franchise agreement with and to Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC and to provide for related matters (Mayor) (Introduced 8/27/2019)
Public meeting was held.

The cable television franchise agreement between the City of Baker and Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC was discussed.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Heine/Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2019-21.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. City Gear, LLC
Location – 324 Main Street, Baker, LA (Mayor)
No action was taken on this agenda item.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2019 (Mayor)
City Prosecutor Dassau read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Heine 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. Proclamation declaring September 11, 2019 Patriot Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)
City Prosecutor Dassau read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/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 September 11, 2019 First Responder Appreciation Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)
City Prosecutor Dassau 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.

4. Proclamation declaring September 2019 National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Bryant)
City Prosecutor Dassau 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.

5. Proclamation declaring September 2019 National Suicide Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Jackson)
City Prosecutor Dassau read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, 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.

6. Proclamation declaring September 2019 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Prosecutor Dassau 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.

7. Proclamation declaring September 2019 Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Prosecutor Dassau 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.

Council Member Vincent announced that various free cancer screenings are taking place in the Baton Rouge area. Flyers were distributed.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Ordinance 2019-21, an ordinance to grant and extend a cable television franchise agreement with and to Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC and to provide for related matters (Mayor) (Introduced 8/27/2019)

This agenda item was previously addressed.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 13950 Plank Road (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

2. 4742 Groom Road (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

3. 1950 Hovey (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

The Mayor stated they will be adding to the condemnation list.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Status of Park and Ride (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees – Heritage Museum is sponsoring the Buffalo Festival Pageant Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
5. ABC Board
6. Other Special Committees
 - a. Buffalo Festival – Buffalo Festival 5k Run/Walk will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019. Run will start at City Park.
 - b. Prayer Breakfast
 - c. Strategic Planning Committee
 - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Willie Williams, 14005 Longvue, said the newly formed Bike Club had over 50 participants at its first bike ride, and they rode approximately 12.5 miles.

Denise Stevenson, 717 Sherron, announced that First Quarter will hold a community Spelling Bee on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Mary Sue Stages, on behalf of Council Member Alexander, announced the Main Street Pilot Club of Baker is asking for donations to the relief effort in the Bahamas following Hurricane Dorian.

Council Member Alexander asked that everyone contribute to the relief effort.

Rochelle Dun, 2856, Groom Road, initiated discussion regarding the cable television franchise agreement between the City of Baker and Cox Communications Louisiana, LLC.

Council Member Vincent said he is glad to see more bikers taking advantage of the fact that Baker is a bike friendly city. He stated this initiative began over a decade ago and has resulted in shared roads as well as an environment conducive to biking. Council Member Vincent asked about the possibility of having dirt put in holes along streets in the city, as the holes could be a safety issue. Council Member Vincent initiated discussion regarding advertising for the Buffalo Festival.

Council Member Bryant reminded everyone to smile and thank first responders tomorrow – September 11, 2019.

Council Member Alexander reiterated the need for help in the Bahamas and asked that everyone give to the relief effort.

Council Member Jackson thanked City Prosecutor Dassau for being at the meeting. She thanked the Clerk for her work on the proclamation dealing with suicide. Council Member Jackson also thanked Denise Stevenson of First Quarter for holding the community Spelling Bee. She thanked the constituents of District 5 for their support and sharing their concerns.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor announced the Buffalo Festival has rides and arm bands for the rides. He said they are doing everything they can to get this information out to the public. The Mayor asked that everyone come out and enjoy the festival.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn.

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

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Alexander left the meeting.

**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 September 10, 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
September 10, 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 September 10, 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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 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

The motion was made by Commissioner Heine, seconded by Commissioner Bryant to add “1. Request placement of bench in cemetery – Mouton Family” to the agenda.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

1. *Request placement of bench in cemetery – Mouton Family*

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioners Bryant/Jackson to allow the Mouton family to place a bench in the cemetery.

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

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report

Niketa King submitted a monthly sales report for August 2019.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent, Waites
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Alexander
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 Jackson, 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.

The Mayor congratulated Council Member Bryant for receiving a Legends Award from *Rebirth* magazine.

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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
September 10, 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 September 10, 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

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Heine, seconded by Commissioners Bryant/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 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

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: 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
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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 September 10, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council