

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
October 22, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on October 22, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Mayor Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Brenda G. Jackson presided.
The invocation was given by Council Member Heine.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Alexander.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Alexander to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Sarah Holliday-James for her contributions to cancer advocacy (Mayor)

Sarah Holliday-James was recognized for her contributions to cancer advocacy in the greater Baton Rouge area. City Attorney Fabre read a proclamation celebrating her life, accomplishments and many contributions to the community.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Capital City Medical Transportation
Location – 509 E. Buffwood, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Bryant to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Capital City Medical Transportation.

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 November 2019 Diabetes 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 Members Alexander/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 November 2019 Pancreatic Cancer 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

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 motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Vincent to defer these agenda items until the Mayor returns.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schedule date and time for Halloween in Baker (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Member Bryant to schedule Halloween in Baker for October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Council Members Jackson and Vincent stated they would abstain from voting on this matter.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Jackson, Vincent

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

2. Discuss 2019 Buffalo Festival (Jackson)
Finance Director Mary Sue Stages provided an overview of the financial report from the 2019 Buffalo Festival.

3. Discuss monthly budget reports (Jackson)
Finance Director Mary Sue Stages presented the quarterly financial report.

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

Ronald Johnson, 13310 London, asked the Mayor and City Council to look at Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances and review the city's current gaming regulations. Mr. Johnson also stated he would like to see more thorough coverage of Baker's council meetings in the newspaper.

City Prosecutor Christopher Dassau announced the 2nd Conference for Men, Boys and the Women Who Love Them will be held Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Baker Municipal Building.

Council Member Vincent encouraged everyone to attend Mr. Dassau's event. He also thanked those who participated in the parish-wide cleanup event – Fresh Start. Council Member Vincent stated that constituents in District 1 are concerned about people walking along Lavey Lane and asked the city to investigate any measures that can be taken to address these concerns. Council Member Vincent announced Dr. Laurabeth Hicks, a founding member of the Parkwood Terrace community, passed away.

Council Member Heine commended Council Member Vincent for the diabetes awareness proclamation and reminded everyone to get a flu shot.

Council Member Bryant announced the Labor of Love Health Forum 2019 will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baker Heritage Museum located at 1606 Main Street. Council Member Bryant asked that everyone support the Spelling Bee being held Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Council Member Alexander announced she is working with Rose Doolittle to organize Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in the city. Council Member Alexander said she has a copy of the CASA wish list. She also announced Allstate agent Duane Jordan is asking for donations for victims of domestic violence. Council Member Alexander announced the Baker Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Jackson thanked Council Member Vincent for his efforts with Fresh Start and stated she and her neighbors worked along Lavey Lane. She thanked the Meadows of Chaleur HOA for inviting her to join their bike ride, which was held Sunday, October 20, 2019. Council Member Jackson announced Southern University College of Business's 17th annual Gala on the Bluff will be held Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Belle of Baton Rouge Casino and Hotel at 8:00 p.m. For more information go to www.galaonthebluff.com or call (225) 771-5640 or (225) 383-0877.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

City Attorney Fabre provided an overview of newly implemented Code Enforcement procedures.

City Attorney Fabre provided information regarding the situation at Impact Charter School which involves the building of a fence on their property at 4815 Lavey Lane.

Council Member Heine initiated discussion regarding the removal of political signs following an election.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member 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 October 22, 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
October 22, 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 October 22, 2019, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Jackson presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioners Jackson/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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 September 2019.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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 Heine to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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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**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
October 22, 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 October 22, 2019, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent

ABSENT

Darnell Waites

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Jackson presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Alexander to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 8, 2019.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Vincent expressed his concerns regarding the various online forums where residents are complaining about their utility bills.

Discussion 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 Commissioners Bryant/Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Alexander to adjourn.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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 October 22, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council