

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
October 8, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on October 8, 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 Mayor Waites.

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 September 24, 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 items “1. Appoint Mr. James Cross to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent) and 2. Appoint Mr. Earl Doomes to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent)” under Appointments to Boards and Commissions moved up on the agenda, so it follows Recognitions.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Recognize Delta Sigma Theta, Baker-Zachary Alumnae Chapter, for their work in the Baker-Zachary community (Mayor)

The Mayor recognized Delta Sigma Theta, Baker-Zachary Alumnae Chapter, for their work in the Baker-Zachary community.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Appoint Mr. Earl Doomes to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Alexander to appoint Dr. Earl Doomes to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Appoint Mr. James Cross to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Alexander to appoint Dr. James Cross to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Urban Tree Service

Location – 5124 Baker Boulevard, Baker, LA (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Urban Tree Service.

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 October 6 – October 12, 2019 Fire Prevention Week in the City of Baker (Bryant)

City Attorney Fabre 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.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2019 Spina Bifida Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Bryant)

City Attorney Fabre 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.

3. Proclamation declaring October 16, 2019 World Food Day in the City of Baker (Jackson)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, 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.

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

4. Proclamation declaring October 2019 Eye Injury Prevention 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/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.

5. Proclamation declaring October 2019 Healthy Lung 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/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.

Recognize Twanna Harris for her work with domestic violence survivors through her organization – The Butterfly Society (Mayor)
The Mayor recognized Twanna Harris for her work with domestic violence survivors through her organization – The Butterfly Society.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Appoint Mr. James Cross to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent)

This agenda item was previously addressed.

2. Appoint Mr. Earl Doomes to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board (Jackson) (Vincent)

This agenda item was previously addressed.

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.

ANNEXATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve travel for Council Clerk to Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association Institute October 20, 2019 through October 25, 2019 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Jackson)

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

Vincent to approve travel for the Council Clerk to the Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association Institute October 20, 2019 through October 25, 2019 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

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

Reverend King recognized Robert Young and Willie Williams for founding a bicycle riding club in the City of Baker. Council Member Vincent said in 2011 Baker was declared a bike friendly city, and he is glad to see years of work come to fruition. He stated there will soon be designated bike trails throughout the city.

Ronald Johnson, 13310 London, initiated discussion regarding bingo, video poker and gaming regulations in the City of Baker.

Council Member Vincent expressed his concerns regarding the overlay work in Harding Terrace. The Mayor stated he is aware of the issues and they will be addressed. Council Member Vincent announced the parish-wide cleanup event – Fresh Start – will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019. Those interested in participating should be at City Park between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Council Member Heine said he, the Mayor and Council Member Bryant attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital, and the facility is magnificent. He also commended the Mayor for bringing area pastors together for the Canopy of Prayer.

Council Member Bryant said as a result of the Canopy of Prayer the city now has a community choir. She announced the Farmers Market will be at City Park on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Council Member Bryant announced the Fire Department has free smoke detectors available at tonight's meeting. She stated the work session regarding the Park & Ride was informative, and she reiterated the importance of economic development in the city.

Council Member Alexander encouraged everyone to come out for Treat Street on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in City Park. She also thanked everyone who attended the Rotary event at the Baton Rouge Zoo.

Council Member Jackson thanked Council Member Vincent for working with her on appointing board members to the Baker Fire & Police Civil Service Board. She asked everyone to keep Portia Bell and her family in their prayers, her grandmother passed away.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated the land for the Park & Ride/Transit Center has been purchased and provided an overview of the project.

The Mayor said the City of Baker's Master Plan is almost complete and will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council very soon.

The Mayor thanked everyone who participated in the Canopy of Prayer.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Members Alexander/Bryant/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 8, 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 8, 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 8, 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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Alexander to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 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 Commissioners Alexander/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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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
October 8, 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 8, 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 Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 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 Commissioners Alexander/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.

**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 8, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council