

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
September 24, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 24, 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 City Attorney Fabre.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 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 Ms. Laila Hayes – Sickle Cell Anemia Ambassador – and declare her an Honorary Council Member (Vincent)
Council Member Vincent recognized Ms. Laila Hayes – Sickle Cell Anemia Ambassador – and declared her an Honorary Council Member.

2. Baker Youth Little League to recognize Mayor Waites, Council Member Heine and Council Member Vincent for sponsorship (Vincent)

The Baker Youth Little League recognized Mayor Waites, Council Member Heine and Council Member Vincent for their support and sponsorship of the organization.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

1. Capital Access Mortgage, LLC
Location – 4686 Groom Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Capital Access Mortgage, LLC.

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 September 28, 2019 National Good Neighbor Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)
City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Alexander/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.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2019 Breast 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 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.

3. Proclamation declaring October 2019 Domestic Violence 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.

ANNEXATIONS

1. John Brown
Location – 13073 Plank Road, Baker, LA (Mayor)
Mr. Brown stated the correct address is 12841 Plank Road.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Alexander to amend the agenda so it reflects the correct address – 12841 Plank Road.

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 Members Alexander/Vincent to accept the correction of the address to 12841 Plank Road and to annex the property.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss 2020 census (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant 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

5. ABC Board

6. Other Special Committees

a. Buffalo Festival – The Mayor thanked everyone who supported the event. He said it was well done and a good time.

b. Prayer Breakfast

c. Strategic Planning Committee

d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

Council Member Vincent announced the NAACP will host a voter registration drive Saturday, October 5, 2019. He emphasized the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census and urged all residents to exercise their right to vote. Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor and Public Works Department for listening to him and addressing issues with malfunctioning meters.

Council Member Heine said he was asked to speak at the Rotary meeting held earlier today. He said it was an absolute joy and he sincerely appreciated the opportunity to address the club.

Council Member Bryant announced the Farmers Market will be at City Park on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She also stated ratings in the area are good, according to an air quality report from DEQ.

Council Member Alexander thanked Council Member Heine for speaking at the Rotary meeting. She told him that he made everyone's day.

Council Member Jackson announced a program being held in the Children's Room at the Baker Branch Library on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for children 4-8 based on the book *Pick a Circle, Gather Squares: A Fall Harvest of Shapes*. She announced free legal counsel will be available at the Baker Branch Library on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Council Member Jackson announced Scrabble will be played at the Baker Branch Library on Thursday, October 10, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. for any adults interested.

The Mayor stated that a work session should be scheduled to discuss the Transit Center/Park & Ride.

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

Alexander to schedule a work session to discuss the Transit Center/Park & Ride on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor wished Council Member Bryant a Happy Birthday and led the assembly in singing Happy Birthday to her.

Council Member Alexander left the meeting.

The Mayor announced Canopy of Prayer is being held Saturday, October 5, 2019. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

The Mayor thanked everyone who worked to make the Buffalo Festival a success.

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

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 September 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 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
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
September 24, 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 24, 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

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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

Commissioner Vincent asked if the \$4.75 charge currently appearing on utility bills will be removed once the meters begin reading properly.

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 Heine/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.

**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 September 24, 2019.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council