

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
February 11, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on February 11, 2020, 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 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 January 28, 2020.

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 Vincent to add “Introduce Ordinance 2020-7, an ordinance to declare certain City of Baker property surplus and scrap and for related matters” under New Business to the agenda.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Jackson asked that “Introduce Ordinance 2020-8, an ordinance to annex John Brown property” be added under New Business to the agenda.

Council Member Jackson stated the property address is 12841 Plank Road.

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Members Bryant/Heine to add “Introduce Ordinance 2020-8, an ordinance to annex John Brown property” under New Business to the agenda.

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 Bryant, seconded by Council Member Alexander to add “Name the fire station community garden site – Ginger’s Garden – in recognition of Ginger Vann” under New Business to the agenda.

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 Alexander, seconded by Council Members Heine/Jackson/Vincent to add “Recognize Baker High School coaches and players” under Recognitions to the agenda.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. *Recognize Baker High School coaches and players (Mayor)*

The Mayor recognized Baker High School football coaches and senior members of the football team for being in the playoffs.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Kevin Gravois, PEC, and Director of Public Works Kelvin Ridgely to discuss Lavey Lane road transfer (Mayor)

Mr. Gravois and Mr. Ridgely provided a summary of the proposed road transfer, which included estimated costs for future operations, maintenance and improvements. The summary outlined the “pros” and “cons” of the City of Baker taking responsibility for Lavey Lane.

Discussion followed.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2020-6, an ordinance to have certain City of Baker property declared to be surplus (Mayor)

Council Member Heine asked about the method of disposal for the city’s surplus property. The Mayor said the city utilizes auctions and participates in the LaMATS program, which is administered through the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Bryant to introduce Ordinance 2020-6.

Council Member Jackson initiated discussion regarding property previously declared surplus. She asked that council members be given a report on surplus items that have been sold.

Council Member Alexander asked specifically about vehicles included on the list of items being declared surplus. She stated she would like to see the vehicles before voting to introduce the ordinance.

Vote was called for.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. *Introduce Ordinance 2020-7, an ordinance to declare certain City of Baker property surplus and scrap and for related matters (Mayor)*

City Attorney Fabre said the ordinance deals with Fire Department property that is being declared surplus.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent

to introduce Ordinance 2020-7.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: Alexander

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

4. Update on Baker High School progress (Bryant)

Superintendent of City of Baker Public Schools, Dr. Herman Brister, provided an update on the status of Baker High School. He explained that working with FEMA and the USDA to procure funds for building the new facility has been incredibly time consuming. Dr. Brister said they are currently in the final phases of matching the construction documents to fit USDA format documents. He expects this process to be completed in the next three to four weeks.

5. Reschedule February 25, 2020 Baker City Council meeting (Jackson)

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to reschedule the February 25, 2020 Baker City Council meeting for Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

6. *Name the fire station community garden site – Ginger’s Garden – in recognition of Ginger Vann (Bryant)*

Council Member Bryant read the certificate in honor of the naming of the Fire Department community garden site – Ginger’s Garden and in recognition of Ginger Vann’s dedication to the City of Baker.

7. *Introduce Ordinance 2020-8, an ordinance to annex John Brown property (Mayor)*

The Mayor stated the address of the property is 12841 Plank Road.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to introduce Ordinance 2020-8.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: Alexander

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to accept annexation of John Brown property into the city limits of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor asked that this agenda item be tabled.

2. Proclamation declaring February 11, 2020 National Inventors’ Day 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.

In honor of Black History Month, Council Member Bryant shared a list of inventors and their inventions.

3. Proclamation declaring February 2020 National Children's Dental Health 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)

The Mayor said he spoke with the owner, and demolition of this property should be complete in three to four weeks.

2. 4742 Groom Road (Mayor)

3. 1950 Hovey (Mayor)

4. 1556 Alabama (Mayor)

5. 1849 Alabama (Mayor)

6. 1832 Florida (Mayor)

7. 1850 Florida (Mayor)

8. 1920 Florida (Mayor)

9. 1928 Florida (Mayor)

Council Member Alexander initiated discussion regarding liens and the city's lien process.

ANNEXATIONS

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team – The Mayor introduced Baker Chamber of Commerce President Michelle Woods.
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

Council Member Vincent expressed his concerns about the street overlay project. He said he would like the remaining issues with streets in Parkwood Terrace rectified prior to finalization.

Council Member Heine commended the administration for providing council members pictures of condemned properties.

Council Member Bryant invited everyone to the City of Baker's 1st Annual Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Alexander said the Rotary Club of Baker suffered a huge loss with the passing of Ginger Vann. She said Rotary will do the line-up for Saturday's parade and asked for volunteers to help at the event. Council Member Alexander announced that the annual Rotary golf tournament will hence forth be called the Ginger Vann Memorial Golf Tournament. She said Ginger is really going to be missed.

Council Member Jackson thanked Council Member Alexander for her reminder of Ginger Vann. She said she knew Ginger as a resident, and it was a privilege and honor to serve as Ginger's council representative, she will be truly missed. Council Member Jackson announced the Baker Branch Library will host Valentine Bingo on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

City Attorney Fabre extended his condolences to Ginger Vann's family and said he is praying for them.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor stated there needs to be a work session scheduled to discuss the water well project on the west side of the city.

Council Member Heine said former city employee Leonard Williams passed away. He asked that everyone remember his family in their prayers.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to schedule a work session to discuss the water well project on west side of the city on Thursday, February 20, 2020 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.

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 February 11, 2020.

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
February 11, 2020**

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 February 11, 2020, 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 Commissioners Alexander/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 28, 2020.

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 January 2020.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the sales report submitted for January 2020.

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 Bryant, 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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PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
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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
February 11, 2020**

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 February 11, 2020, 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.

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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

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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 February 11, 2020.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council