

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
February 18, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on February 18, 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 Mayor Waites.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Fabre.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2020.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. City of Baker's 1st Mardi Gras Parade (Bryant)
Council Member Bryant read the certificate celebrating the success of the City of Baker's 1st Mardi Gras parade which brought together family, friends and neighbors – the entire Baker community.

The Mayor thanked the Rotary Club and city departments and employees for everything they did to contribute to the event's success. He said he really appreciated all of their hard work.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt Ordinance 2020-6, an ordinance to have certain City of Baker property declared to be surplus (Mayor) (Introduced 2/11/2020)

Public meeting was held.

Council Member Jackson asked Finance Director Mary Sue Stages to provide council members with a report on city property, previously declared surplus, that has been sold. Ms. Stages stated she would prepare the report.

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

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Adopt Ordinance 2020-7, an ordinance to declare certain City of Baker property surplus and scrap and for related matters (Mayor) (Introduced 2/11/2020)
Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2020-7.

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

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Adopt Ordinance 2020-8, an ordinance to annex John Brown property (Mayor) (Introduced 2/11/2020)
Public meeting was held.

Council Member Alexander asked for the address of Mr. Brown's property. Council Member Vincent stated the address is 12841 Plank Road.

The Baker Police Department asked that all relevant information concerning the annexation be forwarded to them, so they are aware of exactly what property is now within their jurisdiction.

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, seconded by Council Members Heine/Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2020-8.

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

Council Member Alexander initiated discussion regarding city maps. She said Ginger Vann was working on having the maps redrawn and asked about the status of that project.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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 March 2020 Flood Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Mayor)

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.

3. Proclamation declaring March 2020 Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent asked that everyone consider contributing to the American Cancer Society, his Relay for Life Team – the Cheerful Givers Z Team or the charity of their choice.

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.

Council Member Bryant said there are two ways to detect colorectal cancer, colonoscopy or submitting a sample, and she urged everyone over fifty to get tested.

4. Proclamation declaring March 2020 National Women’s History 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 Jackson 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.

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.

4. 1556 Alabama (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

5. 1849 Alabama (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

6. 1832 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

7. 1850 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

8. 1920 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

9. 1928 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

ANNEXATIONS

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

Metro Council member Trae Welch addressed concerns regarding the tire shredder to be located on property owned by East Baton Rouge Parish on Highway 19. Mr. Welch explained this is a state program which will allow the parish to address mosquito abatement and blight created by old tires all over East Baton Rouge Parish.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor and the Public Works Director for overlay work done in District 1, especially the corrective action taken at the entrance of Parkwood Terrace subdivision.

Council Member Bryant shared an exceptional article about her aunt’s life and legacy – “Shirley McCoy: A Legacy of Kindness” – from the *Westbury Times*.

Council Member Alexander announced Rotary will hold the Ginger Vann Memorial Golf Tournament and stated she would like for the City of Baker to have a team at the event. Council Member Alexander asked City Attorney Fabre if it is possible for a city employee to hold two forty-hour positions simultaneously.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Jackson reminded everyone of the Baker Student Investment Closet and encouraged them to support this worthwhile cause. She announced the Baker Branch Library will have a reading of *The Ugly Duckling* for children ages three to five on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. A craft activity will follow the reading.

Council Member Vincent distributed flyers listing the “Ten Commandments for a Healthy Heart.”

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Alexander, 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 February 18, 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 18, 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 18, 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 Heine, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 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
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 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 for the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on February 18, 2020.

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
February 18, 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 18, 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.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 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

Commissioner Vincent thanked the Utility Department staff for including a breakdown of how residents pay sewer fees to the parish and to the city in the last utility bill. He said it was helpful and allowed people to better understand their bill.

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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Alexander 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 February 18, 2020.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council