

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

**Dial In: 774-220-4000**

**PIN: 22537**

**June 23, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on June 23, 2020, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**

Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Glenda Bryant

Pete Heine

Brenda G. Jackson

Dr. Charles Vincent

**ABSENT**

Doris Alexander

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by Council Member Heine.

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 June 9, 2020.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to add “Proclamation declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth – a holiday in the City of Baker” under Resolutions and Proclamations to the agenda.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Reminder to participate in the census (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant announced that the census has been extended and encouraged all citizens to participate. She said residents can call 1-844-809-7715 to give census workers their information. Council Member Bryant reiterated the importance of participating in the census, saying it affects federal funding for community schools, transportation, low income families and healthcare in the City of Baker. She asked that everyone participate.

2. Continue discussion on housing in the City of Baker both sides of the coin landlords and tenants (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant asked that this agenda item be tabled.

Council Member Bryant asked her colleagues to review Chapter 20 of the Code of Ordinances so that discussion can be held in the near future. She stated she will be in contact with the Louisiana Housing Corporation to see if they have any recommendations.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Vincent to table this agenda item.

**PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2020-16, an ordinance to amend the general and 911 communications funds budget of governmental funds for City of Baker, Louisiana for fiscal year 2019-2020 (Mayor)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to adopt Ordinance 2020-16.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Adopt Ordinance 2020-17, an ordinance to designate and declare certain City of Baker Public Works Utility property items surplus or scrap and to provide for related matters (Mayor)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to adopt Ordinance 2020-17.

YEAS: Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Alexander

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Council Member Alexander joined the meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring July 2020 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 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.

2. *Proclamation declaring June 19<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth – a holiday in the City of Baker (Bryant)*

Council Member Bryant asked the citizens of Baker to embrace the proclamation with love, tenderness, affection, and concern.

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to accept the proclamation.

Council Member Bryant said Juneteenth is a day to reflect and celebrate together.

Council Member Vincent thanked Council Member Bryant for the proclamation and said he was part of the group that brought the celebration to the Baton Rouge area in 1976.

Council Member Bryant said the City of Baker is a very inclusive city and this is to unify us more.

Vote was called for.

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**

Council Member Vincent announced the Buffalo Cruiser Bike Club is having a seven mile ride this Sunday. The ride will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. He

thanked the city for having garbage and limbs removed in Parkwood Terrace subdivision on Friday. Council Member Vincent said there is going to be another clean-up day in the very near future. He said the effort will be coordinated with City-Parish.

Council Member Heine thanked the Mayor for the good job he is doing.

Council Member Bryant stated the Mayor is doing a great job and gotten a lot done despite opposition he has received. She reminded everyone COVID-19 does not know your age and the heat is not slowing it down – take it seriously. Council Member Bryant asked everyone to continue to stay at home as much as possible, keep interaction limited to small groups, continue to practice social distancing and be protected if you do go out – wear your mask and gloves.

Council Member Jackson thanked and congratulated the 2020 high school seniors. She also thanked the residents of District 5 for keeping their yards up and for their willingness to express their concerns.

Council Member Jackson asked for an update on the situation at 503 Charles. Public Works Director Kelvin Ridgley stated they are in the process of smoking the sewer line at this address and once an assessment has been made, the problem will be taken care of.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### **ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, 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 June 23, 2020.

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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  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
Dial In: 774-220-4000  
PIN: 22537  
June 23, 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 June 23, 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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 9, 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 Jackson, 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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Clerk of Council

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BAKER CONSOLIDATED UTILITIES SYSTEM  
CITY OF BAKER  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
Dial In: 774-220-4000  
PIN: 22537  
June 23, 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 June 23, 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.

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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.

**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 June 23, 2020.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council