

**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

July 14, 2020

5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on July 14, 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 Council Member Vincent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Waites.

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 June 23, 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

1. Hulin Urgent Care Services, LLC

Location – 6420 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Bryant to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license for Hulin Urgent Care Services, LLC.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Heine, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 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.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent to table the agenda item.

Council Member Vincent initiated discussion by asking Council Member Bryant what she has in mind, asking her what direction she is going in with this initiative.

Council Member Bryant said there is information available to landlords and tenants regarding COVID-19. She said she can send a link to anyone interested in that information. Council Member Bryant said she will continue to research the issue to come up with something that will encompass and assist people, even those outside of Louisiana. She said she appreciates the feedback and stated these efforts will benefit numerous residents and landlords. Council Member Bryant asked that ideas and information be sent to her via email – gbryant@cityofbakerla.com.

PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to adopt a bicycle and pedestrian masterplan in the City of Baker (Mayor)

The Mayor said Council Member Vincent is leading this initiative, and the bicycle and pedestrian masterplan must be adopted in order for the city to move forward with the grant.

Council Member Vincent stated this project was begun in 2010. He commended everyone who helped bring it to fruition. Council Member Vincent said the plans in place will make the City of Baker a bike friendly community, and he is grateful to all the entities who worked to make this vision a reality.

City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson 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 July 30, 2020 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 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.

3. Proclamation declaring July 2020 Cord Blood 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.

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

Dr. Leroy Davis, 4312 Azie, congratulated the winners of Saturday's election. He thanked citizens of Baker for allowing him to serve 13 ½ consecutive years in city government. Dr. Davis provided an overview of both his journey to public service and his time spent in office as a City of Baker council member and Mayor of the City of Baker.

Council Member Vincent thanked his predecessor Dr. Leroy Davis. He thanked the citizens of Baker and urged everyone to continue to wear their masks, practice social distancing and wash their hands. Council Member Vincent asked that people not litter, to continue to keep Baker beautiful. He congratulated both his present and future colleagues.

Council Member Heine said he will offer his congratulations in person. He thanked everyone for getting out to vote, especially the residents of District 2. Council Member Heine said bless you all, and he would be around to see them at the next meeting.

Council Member Bryant thanked everyone who supported her in District 3. She reiterated the importance of having a plan for evacuation during hurricane season and reminded everyone to gather all important documents in case of emergency. Council Member Bryant announced census workers are scheduled to make home visits in August. She asked residents to wear masks and practice social distancing. She recommended not attending gatherings of more than 20 people. Council Member Bryant said what we do

not want is the City of Baker to become a hot spot. She asked that everyone follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC.

Council Member Alexander asked if there is currently a hot spot in Baker. The Mayor said he would check the numbers and addresses and let her know. Council Member Alexander thanked everyone who came out and supported her on Saturday and asked that they do the same on August 15.

Council Member Jackson stated for the record – Residents of District 5: Thank you for re-electing me as your District 5 council representative. I solemnly affirm to serve your best interests and to be your actionable advocate on any and all issues that matter to you. To the Greater Baton Rouge AFL-CIO: To receive your full endorsement, not once, but twice, is indeed a high honor for which I am and will be eternally grateful. She announced the Baker Branch Library is open and reminded everyone masks are required. The library asks that patrons practice social distancing. Council Member Jackson asked everyone to do their part to eradicate human trafficking. She suggested visiting the U.S. Homeland Security website, as training is available. Council Member Jackson said residents can follow her on Facebook – JACKSON IN ACTION and on Instagram at bgjackson in Action.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor thanked the citizens for their support and being part of the process. He said it's time to come together and work together, in unity, to move the city forward.

The Mayor said there are currently 400 cases of COVID-19 in Baker. He asked everyone to consider getting tested. The Mayor has asked that all residents wear masks when out in public.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Heine, seconded by Council Member Jackson 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 July 14, 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
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Dial In: 774-220-4000
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July 14, 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 July 14, 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 Heine/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 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 Heine 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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**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BAKER CONSOLIDATED UTILITIES SYSTEM
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
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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 July 14, 2020, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Doris Alexander
Glenda Bryant
Pete Heine
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
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