

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**CITY OF BAKER**  
**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714**  
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**January 27, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on January 27, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**  
Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Desiree Collins  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Robert Young

**ABSENT**  
Rochelle Dunn

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

The invocation was given by Council Member Murphy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

**\*\*\* Public comments will be allowed on all agenda items. Such comments shall not exceed 3 minutes and shall be confined to the agenda item and any proposed disposition thereof.\*\*\***

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2026.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

**RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Proclamation declaring February 2026 Heart Month in the City of Baker  
(Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Angela Machen.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Members Collins/Young to accept the proclamation.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Proclamation declaring February 2026 National Cancer Prevention Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Angela Machen.

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

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The mayor asked that all remaining agenda items be tabled until the next meeting due to the weather.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to table all remaining agenda items until the next meeting.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Adopt Ordinance 2026-1 Sales & Use Tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)
2. Adopt Ordinance 2026-2 Insurance License Tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)
3. Adopt Ordinance 2026-3 Occupational License Tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)
4. Adopt Ordinance 2026-4 Chain Store License Tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)
5. Adopt Ordinance 2026-5 Alcoholic Beverage Tax (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)
6. Adopt Ordinance 2026-7, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact City of Baker Code of Ordinances Article V, Section 44 concerning Civic Center and Municipal Building lease/rent fees and to provide for other matters regarding the same (Mayor) (Introduced 1/13/2026)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

1. The Rotary Club of Baker in partnership with the City of Baker offers free ACT prep on Mondays at 6:30 in the meeting room at the municipal center (Collins)
2. February Black History Month program at the Baker Branch Library, etc. (Vincent)

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

**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
  - e. Main Street District Committee

**ADJOURN**

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

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

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 January 27, 2026.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**NORMAN E. "PETE" HEINE MEMORIAL GARDENS**  
**CITY OF BAKER**  
**PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**3325 GROOM ROAD**  
**BAKER, LA 70714**  
**January 27, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Norman E. "Pete" Heine Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on January 27, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Desiree Collins  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Darnell Waites  
Robert Young

**ABSENT**

Rochelle Dunn

**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 Waites, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

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 Waites, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to adjourn.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

The meeting was adjourned.

**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 Norman E. "Pete" Heine Memorial Gardens held on January 27, 2026.

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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**  
**January 27, 2026**

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 January 27, 2026, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Desiree Collins  
Cedric Murphy  
Dr. Charles Vincent  
Darnell Waites  
Robert Young

**ABSENT**

Rochelle Dunn

**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 Waites, seconded by Commissioners Murphy/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

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 Waites, seconded by Commissioners Murphy/Vincent to adjourn.

YEAS: Collins, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Dunn

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 January 27, 2026.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC  
Clerk of Council