

**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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May 26, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on May 26, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rochelle Dunn

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

ABSENT

Desiree Collins

Cedric Murphy

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by Mayor Waites.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

*****Public comment shall be observed before a vote is taken on any agenda item. 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 Young to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2026.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to move item number one under New Business up on the agenda so that it falls before Resolutions and Proclamations.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

1. *Tasha Clark-Amar to discuss upcoming EBR Council on Aging millage (Mayor)*
Tasha Clark-Amar, Chief Executive Officer EBR Council on Aging, provided an overview of the agency's activities throughout East Baton Rouge Parish and specifically of the services they provide in the City of Baker, as well as an overview of all that has been accomplished in the Baker community. She also provided information on EBRCOA's plans for the future and discussed what their proposed development and growth will look like for residents of the City of Baker and surrounding areas.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring May 2026 Arthritis Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

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

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

2. Proclamation declaring May 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

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

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tasha Clark-Amar to discuss upcoming EBR Council on Aging millage (Mayor)
This agenda item was previously addressed.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2026-21, an ordinance to amend, supplement and re-enact Article II, Section 6-21 of the City of Baker Code of Ordinances and to provide for other matters relative to the same (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Vincent to table Ordinance 2026-21.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt Ordinance 2026-20, an ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article III,

Section 14-103, "Disturbing the Peace," to expand prohibited conduct, increase penalties, provide for enhanced enforcement, and otherwise provide with respect thereto (Vincent) (Introduced 5/12/2026)

Public meeting was held.

Aneatra Boykin read the title of the ordinance.

Council Member Vincent provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, saying the amendments strengthen the existing ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to adopt Ordinance 2026-20.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn announced the annual fishing tournament will be held June 13, 2026. She stated the ribbon cutting for the baseball field at the park on N. Magnolia will be held that day as well. Council Member Dunn asked that everyone in the Baker community support the children and their endeavors.

2. Provide safety cones for me to place on broken streets so that Public Works can get to an area if it is hazardous, thank the mayor and Public Works for gas and water line replacements where needed, as well as drainage, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent asked for cones so that he can mark hazardous areas in need of repair on streets in District 1. He thanked the mayor and Public Works Department for replacing gas and water lines throughout the city. Council Member Vincent reported an issue with potholes at the corner of Sinbad and Myrtle and asked that the responsible party repair the street. He indicated that there is some confusion as to who is responsible for making the needed repairs and asked that the situation be addressed as soon as possible. The mayor stated he would address the issue.

Council Member Young asked that they also go to Charles and Myrtle, as that intersection is in need of repair as well.

Council Member Vincent referenced an article in *The Wall Street Journal* regarding contractors who are currently building in the City of Baker. He distributed copies of the article to the mayor and council, as well as all interested parties in the audience.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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 Young to adjourn.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

**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 May 26, 2026.

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
May 26, 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 May 26, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Rochelle Dunn
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT

Desiree Collins
Cedric Murphy

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 May 12, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

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.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by 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 Board of Commissioners for the Norman E. "Pete" Heine Memorial Gardens held on May 26, 2026.

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
May 26, 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 May 26, 2026, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Rochelle Dunn
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT

Desiree Collins
Cedirc Murphy

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 May 12, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS

1. Monthly Business Report
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ADJOURN

There was no other business to come before the commission. The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn.

Commissioner Vincent asked if the representative from the Utility Department had anything they'd like to say. The representative stated they did not. Commissioner Vincent thanked the Utility Department for all they do.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Dunn, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Collins, Murphy
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed by 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 Board of Commissioners of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on May 26, 2026.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council