

**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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August 11, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on August 11, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

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

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.
The invocation was given by Council Member Murphy.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

*****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 Dunn, seconded by Council Members Murphy/Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2026.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

1. ReAzalia Allen, candidate for EBR District Court Judge Division M (Mayor)
ReAzalia Allen, candidate for EBR District Court Judge Division M, introduced herself and provided an overview of her qualifications and platform.

2. Presentation by Build Baton Rouge (Mayor)
Josh Jefferson and Dexter Alexander from the East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority provided an overview of the organization, saying it was created to tackle blight and catalyze equitable growth. They stated they aim to bring people and resources together to promote equitable investment, innovative development, and thriving communities across all of East Baton Rouge Parish. An event providing free legal services, such as wills, living wills, power of attorney forms, and estate planning is scheduled for October 6, 2026, in the City of Baker.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation recognizing and thanking Brandon McGee and Jobey Boudreaux for working together to rehab the field behind the Youth Baseball field on N.

Magnolia (Mayor)

The mayor recognized Mr. Boudreaux and Mr. McGee for all of their contributions to the City of Baker.

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The mayor presented each man a City of Baker medallion and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for their service to the Baker community.

2. Proclamation declaring August 2026 National Eye Exam 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 Murphy to accept the proclamation.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Collins to accept the proclamation recognizing and thanking Brandon McGee and Jobey Boudreaux for working together to rehab the field behind the Youth Baseball field on N. Magnolia.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

3. Proclamation declaring August 2026 Psoriasis 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: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2026-26, an ordinance to set forth and designate the adjusted millage rate (Mayor)

Aneatra Boykin read a portion of the ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to introduce Ordinance 2026-26.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Introduce Ordinance 2026-27, an ordinance to set forth and designate the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate (Mayor)

Aneatra Boykin read a portion of the ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Young to introduce Ordinance 2026-27.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The mayor announced Baker Community Safety First will hold a meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

The mayor announced the Buffalo Festival beauty pageant will be held September 13, 2026. He asked that anyone interested in volunteering for the event contact the city.

The mayor announced the prayer breakfast will be held Friday, August 28, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 3 announcements (Collins)

Council Member Collins congratulated the mayor on being inducted as President of the LMA. She thanked ReAzalia Allen for her donation that helped with school supplies for students in the Baker community. She thanked Donald Green and the City of Baker Recreation for repairing the bikes that students ride to school on a daily basis. Council Member Collins announced District 3 is hosting a “Mental Health and Mingle” workshop on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Street Park. Dinner will be provided free of charge. She announced the Baker Buffalo Festival will be held September 17-19, 2026. The Buffalo Festival Parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact the City of Baker at (225) 778-0300 or email awilliams@cityofbakerla.com.

2. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn congratulated the mayor on being President of LMA. She announced “Batter Up, Baker” a community softball game is being held on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the BREC park on Chamberlain Avenue from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She asked that everyone come out and support this community event. Council Member Dunn thanked the sponsors of the event, The Chill Zone, Judge Kirk Williams, and the City of Baker for their donations and making the event possible.

3. District 1 announcements/comments: congratulatory comments for Mayor Waites becoming President of LMA and inspirational speech at the organization's prayer breakfast, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent congratulated the mayor on being President of LMA and commended him on the speech he delivered at the event. He thanked the mayor and Public Works Department for their work on the park on Highway 19. Council Member Vincent reminded everyone of his Friendly Neighbor Keeper initiative on the third Saturday of every month and asked that everyone who is able participate in this worthwhile endeavor. He thanked residents who actively strive to Keep Baker Beautiful.

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 Dunn, seconded by Council Members Murphy/Vincent to adjourn.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

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 August 11, 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
August 11, 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 August 11, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

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

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 Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 28, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

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 Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

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 Norman E. “Pete” Heine Memorial Gardens held on August 11, 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
August 11, 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 August 11, 2026, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

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Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Waites, Young

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**

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 August 11, 2026.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council