

**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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September 22, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on September 22, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
Robert Young

ABSENT
Dr. Charles Vincent

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

*****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 Member Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2026.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Murphy to add a resolution of the Council of the City of Baker requesting that the office of the Attorney General reconsider and supplement its opinion in AG opinion No. 25-0118 to the agenda under Resolutions and Proclamations.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring September 2026 World Alzheimer's Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

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

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2026 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

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

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. *Resolution of the Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, requesting that the office of the Attorney General reconsider and supplement its opinion in AG opinion No. 25-0118 (Mayor)*

The title of the resolution was read by Aneatra Boykin.

Ms. Boykin provided an overview of the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Dunn to adopt the resolution.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2026-29, an ordinance setting forth regulations regarding 18 wheelers, tank and/or transport vehicles parking on private or public property within the City of Baker and to provide or other matters regarding to the same (Mayor)

The title of the ordinance was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The mayor explained the purpose/reason behind the proposed ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, seconded by Council Member Murphy to introduce Ordinance 2026-29.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

2. Schedule work session to discuss tiny homes in the City of Baker (Dunn)

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Collins to schedule a work session to discuss tiny homes in the City of Baker on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

3. Schedule work session to discuss scooters in the City of Baker (Young)

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Murphy to schedule a work session to discuss scooters in the City of Baker on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Update on projects (Mayor)

The mayor asked Kevin Gravois and Chris Davezac to provide updates on various projects throughout the city.

Kevin Gravois, Forte & Tablada, provided an overview of the capital projects currently underway, as well as those being proposed.

Chris Davezac provided an overview of other projects being undertaken in and by the city.

Cynthia Grimes, Museum Director/Pageant Coordinator, announced that Hope in the Midst, the City of Baker's violence prevention program, will host a violence prevention session for women and girls on Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The session will be held at city hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 3 announcements (Collins)

Council Member Collins commended Cynthia Grimes for her work on the Buffalo Festival Beauty Pageant. She thanked her for her dedication and commitment to her work.

Council Member Collins acknowledged and thanked all the city employees who worked to make the Buffalo Festival a success.

Council Member Collins thanked Council Member Dunn for her support of the community dinner held under the big tent – No judgement, just grace: understanding addiction and supporting recovery.

Council Member Collins reminded everyone that the Rotary Club of Baker and Interact Greater Baton Rouge in partnership with the City of Baker host free ACT prep courses every Monday in the Civic Room in the Municipal Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. She said they currently have students from several area high schools participating in the program. This resource is available for all interested 9th – 12th graders. Council Member Collins thanked the mayor for making the facility available to them, and Jermaine Adams for always having the building accessible to them.

2. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn stated the Buffalo Festival Beauty Pageant was well attended and commended Cynthia Grimes, and all those who worked on the event, on a job well done. She said it was beautifully done and everyone did a great job.

Council Member Dunn thanked Mr. Calvin Jyles and the Public Works Department for their help and support.

Council Member Dunn asked that the city coordinate with the library to make sure that none of the areas around the park and walking track remain overgrown. She asked that the grass be cut and overgrowth removed.

Council Member Dunn stated that Highway 19 looks very good.

The mayor thanked everyone who worked to make the Buffalo Festival the success that it was and called the event amazing.

Council Member Young thanked everyone for their hard work on the Buffalo Festival and thanked Mrs. Grimes for choosing him to be the escort at the Buffalo Festival Beauty Pageant.

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 Collins, seconded by Council Member Dunn to adjourn.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

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 September 22, 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
September 22, 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 September 22, 2026, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT

Dr. Charles Vincent

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 September 8, 2026.

Commissioner Waites called for public comments or questions.

Vote was called for.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

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 Dunn to adjourn.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Vincent

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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 for the Norman E. “Pete” Heine Memorial Gardens held on September 22, 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
September 22, 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 September 22, 2026, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS
Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

ABSENT
Dr. Charles Vincent

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

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Vote was called for.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Waites, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
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NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

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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 September 22, 2026.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council