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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October 13, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on October 13, 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 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 Member Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 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 Collins, seconded by Council Member Dunn to add a proclamation declaring September 2026 Attendance Awareness Month in the City of Baker 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 October 2026 Pastor and Clergy Appreciation Month in the City of Baker (Murphy)

Council Member Murphy asked that this item be tabled. He announced that October is Pastor and Clergy Appreciation Month and said he plans to invite area pastors to attend the council meeting scheduled for later this month.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Collins to table this agenda item.

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 Healthy Lung 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 Murphy 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.

3. *Proclamation declaring September 2026 Attendance Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Mayor)*

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, 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, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Introduce Ordinance 2026-30, an ordinance to enact the City of Baker Code of Ordinances, to be entitled “Electric Low-Speed Scooters”, to regulate the operation, equipment, and parking of electric low-speed scooters within the City of Baker, and to provide for other matters relative thereto (Young) (Mayor)

The title of the ordinance was read by Aneatra Boykin.

Council Member Young reiterated the need for the proposed ordinance.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Murphy to introduce Ordinance 2026-30.

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. Introduce Ordinance 2026-31, an ordinance to grant a cable television franchise agreement with and to Eatel Video, LLC d/b/a Rev and providing for related matters (Mayor)

The title of the ordinance was read by Aneatra Boykin.

Lillian Piazza, Manager of Government & Public Affairs for Rev Fiber, explained that Rev will be installing underground fiber optic cable in the City of Baker to provide residents internet service. Rev Fiber bid on and was awarded the job in the City of Baker as part of the **GUMBO** (Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities) program, Louisiana's statewide competitive grant initiative managed by ConnectLA to expand high-speed internet to unserved and underserved areas.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Dunn to introduce Ordinance 2026-31.

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 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, November 17, 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.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt 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) (Introduced 9/22/2026)

Public meeting was held.

The title of the ordinance was read by the mayor.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Update on CWEF and LGAP grant

The mayor announced that the city has been awarded a $50,000.00 grant in Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) assistance to support critical improvements to the city-owned water utility system.

The mayor announced that the city has been approved for $34,325.00 in LGAP funding for proposed renovations to an essential governmental building to include interior environmental improvements in the Baker Municipal Auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 3 announcements (Collins)

Council Member Collins announced the Baker Area Sports Association is currently holding its winter basketball sign-up.

Council Member Collins announced the City of Baker Recreation Association is hosting free volleyball training on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Collins announced the Elvin Howard Pancreatic Cancer 5K Run is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2026.

Council Member Collins announced the Legends Award Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

Council Member Collins announced Power Coalition is hosting a meet the candidates forum tomorrow at Rose Hill Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Collins invited everyone to join her under the tent at Jefferson Street Park on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for a free meal and to discuss this week's theme – Education is a Human Right.

Council Member Collins announced that Devoted Health will provide resources to educate families on Medicare and Medicaid at the next Baker Rotary Club meeting.

2. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn said the annual toy giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2026. She also stated that tentative plans are being made for Christmas in the Park as well. They are looking to host that event on Thursday, December 17, 2026. Council Member Dunn said the committee is excited about the upcoming holiday season, and they look forward to starting new traditions in the Baker community.

The mayor announced that the Baker Chamber of Commerce will hold its award ceremony and banquet tomorrow at the Renaissance Hotel in Baton Rouge. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are still available.

The mayor announced Treat Street will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the park.

The mayor announced the Baker High School homecoming parade will be held on Friday, October 30, 2026, at noon.

Council Member Dunn asked that everyone keep the Butler family in their prayers, following the death of Mr. John Butler.

Council Member Murphy said his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer and began treatment this week. He asked that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

Council Member Young told Council Member Collins he has a five-year-old grandson, if they're interested in recruiting him.

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 Member Young 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 October 13, 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
October 13, 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 October 13, 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 22, 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 Commissioners Dunn/Murphy to adjourn.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Waites, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Vincent
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 for the Norman E. “Pete” Heine Memorial Gardens held on October 13, 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
October 13, 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 October 13, 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.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
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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

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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 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.

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 October 13, 2026.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council