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 27, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

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

MAYOR
Darnell Waites

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

ABSENT
Desiree Collins

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 Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 2026.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

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

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to add a resolution approving a cable television franchise agreement with Eatel Video, LLC, d/b/a REV to the agenda to follow adoption of Ordinance 2026-31 under Public Meeting.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

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

RECOGNITIONS
The mayor welcomed Council Member Vincent back and acknowledged Mrs. Vincent, who was also in attendance, as well.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring October 2026 Pastor and Clergy Appreciation Month in the City of Baker (Murphy)

The proclamation was read by Aneatra Boykin.

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

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

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

Council Member Vincent thanked everyone for their support and prayers throughout his recovery.

Council Member Collins arrived.

2. Proclamation declaring October 2026 Down Syndrome 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 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.

3. Proclamation declaring October 2026 Liver Cancer 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 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 Murphy to move item number two, under Public Meeting, up on the agenda so that it becomes item number one under New Business.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. *2. Adopt 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) (Introduced 10/13/2026)*

Public meeting was held.

The title of the resolution regarding approving a cable television franchise agreement with Eatel Video, LLC d/b/a REV was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

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

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.

Adopt the resolution approving a cable television franchise agreement with Eatel Video, LLC, d/b/a REV

The title of the resolution was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

The motion was made by Council Member Collins, 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, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. *1.* Schedule date and time for Halloween in Baker (Mayor)

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

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Murphy to schedule Halloween in Baker for Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt 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)

(Introduced 10/13/2026)
Public meeting was held.

The title of the ordinance was read by Aneatra Boykin.

The mayor called for public comments or questions.

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

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. Adopt 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) (Introduced 10/13/2026)

This agenda item was previously addressed.

Adopt the resolution approving a cable television franchise agreement with Eatel Video, LLC, d/b/a REV

This agenda item was previously addressed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

1. District 3 announcements (Collins)

Council Member Collins encouraged everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

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

2. District 2 announcements (Dunn)

Council Member Dunn said the annual toy giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. She also announced that the Baker Holiday Glow will be held on Friday, December 18, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the park. Council Member Dunn said they are looking for sponsors to come out and decorate Christmas trees to be put out on the lawn. Area businesses are encouraged to donate ornaments to be placed on the trees as well. The tree lighting will also take place at this time. Council Member Dunn announced the Christmas parade will be held Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. She welcomed Council Member Vincent back, telling him how much he was missed and how appreciated he is. She presented him with a card and said she would be dropping off a gift tomorrow.

3. Continue to wear your pink, congratulations to the Baker High School football team on victories, etc. (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent thanked everyone for their kind words and warm wishes, saying he has missed everyone as well. He thanked everyone for continuing to wear pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Council Member Vincent congratulated the Baker High School football team for the phenomenal job they've done this season. He thanked everyone again for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Council Member Dunn shared an encounter she had with a first-time voter earlier and reiterated the importance of exercising the right to vote.

Council Member Vincent recounted going with his father when he voted for the first time in 1965 and how meaningful that experience was and remains to this day.

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

The mayor said the number one early voting location in East Baton Rouge Parish is in the City of Baker.

Council Member Young said to Council Member Vincent that he hadn't missed him wearing his pink while he's been away, because he has been consistent in wearing it.

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 Murphy 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 October 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
October 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 October 27, 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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 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 Commissioners Dunn/Murphy 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 October 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
October 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 October 27, 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.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioners Dunn/Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 13, 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

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ADJOURN
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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.

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 27, 2026.

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council