

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**

Dial In: 774-220-4000

PIN: 22537

December 8, 2020

6:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 8, 2020, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Glenda Bryant

Rochelle Dunn

Brenda G. Jackson

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Fabre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Waites.

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 November 24, 2020.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Continue discussion on housing in the City of Baker – landlords and tenants and adding homeowners (Bryant)

Council Member Bryant said this initiative is about quality and affordable housing for everyone in the City of Baker. She said she has tried to highlight certain areas that need improvement. Council Member Bryant stated garbage can placement is important. She said garbage cans left on the curb result in trash being strewn all over the street and drainage systems being clogged. She asked that people bring the cans in following pick-up. Council Member Bryant asked the Mayor if there are programs to help those dealing with eviction. She said all parties involved need assistance and she would like to provide them information. Council Member Bryant reminded landlords to be mindful when cleaning properties between tenants and not put trash near any drainage system.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt Ordinance 2020-20, an ordinance to amend the operating budget of general fund revenues and expenditures City of Baker, Louisiana fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (Mayor) (Introduced 11/24/2020)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young to adopt Ordinance 2020-20.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Adopt Ordinance 2020-21, an ordinance to amend the operating budget of special revenue funds revenues and expenditures City of Baker, Louisiana fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (Mayor) (Introduced 11/24/2020)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to adopt Ordinance 2020-21.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Council Member Bryant asked about the Lavey Lane road transfer resolution. She said it is her understanding that the resolution must be approved by the end of the year. Council Member Bryant stated she would like to see a draft of the resolution to verify that it is inclusive of everything that was discussed at the council work session.

The Mayor said council members will receive a draft of the resolution tomorrow.

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 4742 Groom Road (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

2. 1556 Alabama (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

3. 1832 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

4. 3215 Monroe (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

5. 1916 Florida (Mayor)

No action was taken on this agenda item.

The Mayor said work has begun, or is scheduled to begin, at two of the properties approved for demolition by the Council. He stated demolition work at 1849 Alabama is almost complete, and 1950 Hovey is to be torn down next Tuesday.

Council Member Jackson asked if Mrs. Gaines was present, as she was supposed to provide the Council with more information on the proposed renovation work at 1850 Florida.

Council Member Young stated Mrs. Gaines plans to speak under Non-Agenda Items.

ANNEXATIONS

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

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Gaines, 1850 Florida, was not present. Council Member Vincent deferred to Council Member Young regarding granting Mrs. Gaines an extension, as this address is in District 4. Council Member Young suggested giving Mrs. Gaines an opportunity to attend the council meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, December 15, 2020.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Jackson to give Mrs. Gaines, 1850 Florida, an opportunity to come before the Council regarding the condemnation of her property on December 15, 2020.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Council Member Vincent asked that the Mayor and Council take a photo with newly elected District Judge Christopher Dassau at 11:15 on Thursday, December 10, 2020 in the Municipal Auditorium. He reminded everyone that every third Saturday is Clean Up - Friendly Neighbor Keeper Day and asked them to do their part. Council Member Vincent provided an overview of a recent newspaper article that featured UN Ambassador nominee Linda Thomas-Greenfield and her connection to the Leland College subdivision and the City of Baker. He reminded his colleagues they will be able to sign proclamations from earlier in the year on Thursday, December 10, 2020 as well.

Council Member Dunn asked that 1984 Chamberlain Avenue be added to the condemnation list. She also said a constituent recommended naming the park on Chamberlain after potential UN Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield and asked that the City explore that possibility.

Council Member Bryant thanked Dr. Parris for adopting a Baker family at her annual Christmas celebration. She also thanked Sharon Jackson, SDJ Sweet Treats, LLC, for contributing to the Thanksgiving gift giving effort by donating three of her wonderful treat baskets. Council Member Bryant reminded everyone to stay safe and be aware of your surroundings. She asked that everyone continue to wear masks and practice social distancing. Council Member Bryant read a quote from Nelson Mandela – “Rhetoric is not important, actions are.”

Council Member Young commended the contractors doing the demolition work for the City.

Council Member Jackson asked that everyone pray for Senator Regina Barrow, as she just lost her husband. She told everyone to be safe, stay vigilant and enjoy the holidays.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Mayor thanked everyone for being at the groundbreaking ceremony at the Baton Rouge Zoo and Greenwood Community Park.

The Mayor asked everyone to stay safe.

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 December 8, 2020.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HILLCREST MEMORIAL GARDENS
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Dial In: 774-220-4000
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December 8, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on December 8, 2020, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Glenda Bryant
Rochelle Dunn
Brenda G. Jackson
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 Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Waites to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 24, 2020.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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

Niketa King submitted monthly sales reports for October 2020 and November 2020.

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to accept the sales reports submitted for October 2020 and November 2020.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Waites, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

2. Other Reports

3. Items Requiring Action

ADJOURN

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on December 8, 2020.

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
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Dial In: 774-220-4000
PIN: 22537
December 8, 2020**

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 December 8, 2020, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Glenda Bryant
Rochelle Dunn
Brenda G. Jackson
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites
Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Waites presided.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, 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 December 8, 2020.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council