

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BAKER, LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
Dial In: 774-220-4000  
PIN: 22537  
February 22, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on February 22, 2022, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Mayor Darnell Waites

**CALL TO ORDER** – Baker City Council President Brenda G. Jackson presided. The invocation was given by Council Member Bryant. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dunn.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

1. Proclamation of Condolences to the City of Baker and the family of the Honorable Judge Christopher R. Dassau was presented at memorial by Justice of the Peace Tracy Batieste-Woodard and her staff – East Baton Rouge Parish Ward 2 District 3 (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent stated he was present at the very fine memorial service held for the Honorable Judge Christopher R. Dassau, and he wanted to acknowledge the actions of Justice of the Peace Tracy Batieste-Wood and her staff. Council Member Vincent said he will present the proclamation to the Mayor so that it can be given pride of place at City Hall.

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Update on quality and fair housing in the City of Baker for all tenants, landlords and homeowners (Bryant)  
Mission Statement
  - A. To provide a healthy lifestyle through community gardens and exercise availability.
  - B. To provide a safe environment through communication with each other & law enforcement – Police and Fire Departments.
  - C. To provide all neighborhoods with a sense of pride & integrity.

Council Member Bryant read the mission statement. Council Member Bryant said she passed by the garden located in Leland College subdivision and there are greens there

ready to be picked. She encouraged everyone to make their way over there and get the fresh greens. She announced LaTonya Rounds, Holistic Fitness, is hosting exercise classes at the gym on Alabama Street. Council Member Bryant stated she included the Fire Department in the mission statement this year because people have been burning trash, and this is an illegal activity. She said with three regularly scheduled garbage pick-up days, individuals do not have to burn their trash. Council Member Bryant stated that when individuals in the community are plagued with people violating the law, citing as an example the regular occurrence of racing/speeding in District 3, issues are going to arise. She said there are individuals who have decided to speak to the young people who are racing/speeding in the neighborhoods. She warned residents against taking vigilante action and asked that they call the Police Department instead. She cautioned everyone to be conscience of who you are dealing with and stay safe. Council Member Bryant stated she would like to see Baker be more like it was when she first moved here. She said there was an Ashley Furniture store here when she first arrived, which is a brand that is respected by all communities. Council Member Bryant said as we move forward we need to see more businesses like that return to the City of Baker.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Michael Willis, 1002 Shilo #B, applauded the City Council for their diligent work. He said the city has seen less crime due to their diligent efforts. Mr. Willis reiterated his desire to see mental health services available to all in the community. He said residents, neighborhoods – the entire City of Baker – appreciates the hard work of the city’s elected officials, administration and staff.

Robert, Heritage Court, reported that trash cans are being stolen from people’s yards on Shilo Drive and Weston Avenue. He also stated the signs advising people of the city’s noise ordinance have not been put up in the neighborhood, despite having been requested some time ago. Robert thanked the City Council for the good job they are doing.

Council Member Vincent announced a city-wide clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, March 19, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. He said participants will meet at City Hall and then disperse throughout the city, supplies will be provided for volunteers. He reminded everyone to continue participating in Council Member Vincent’s Friendly Neighbor Keeper initiative every third Saturday of the month by picking up trash in neighborhoods, as well as throughout the city and surrounding areas.

Council Member Bryant stated she was asked by a constituent about a charge on their DEMCO bill that has the City of Baker assigned to it. Council Member Bryant asked for an explanation of the charge. She also said constituents have asked her to look into the possibility of El Pollo Loco and Aldi opening locations in the City of Baker. She asked that the Economic Development Director reach out to both businesses in an effort to initiate dialogue regarding them coming to Baker.

Council Member Young said the Baker High School girls’ basketball team advanced to the second-round playoffs at the recent tournament in Ville Platte. He congratulated the team for their efforts and a job well done.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

#### **CONDEMNATIONS**

1. 1556 Alabama (Mayor)
2. 1832 Florida (Mayor)
3. 1916 Florida (Mayor)

4. 3226 Polk (Mayor)
5. 2235 Chamberlain (Mayor)
6. 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
7. White house next door to 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
8. 5803 Biscayne (Bryant)
9. 4451 Baker Boulevard (Bryant)
10. 4509 Baker Boulevard (Bryant)
11. 2116 E. Azalea (Dunn)
12. 5804 Biscayne (Mayor)

**ANNEXATIONS**

**REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

1. Planning and Zoning
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team
4. Heritage Museum/Related Committees
5. ABC Board – Council Member Bryant asked when the ABC Board would meet again.
6. Other Special Committees
  - a. Buffalo Festival
  - b. Prayer Breakfast
  - c. Strategic Planning Committee
  - d. Citizens Advisory Board to Law
  - e. Main Street District Committee

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**ADJOURN**

The motion was made by Council Member Jackson, seconded by Council Member Bryant 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 February 22, 2022.

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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  
PIN: 22537  
February 22, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on February 22, 2022, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Darnell Waites

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Jackson presided.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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 Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to adjourn.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

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 Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on February 22, 2022.

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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  
February 22, 2022**

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 February 22, 2022, with the following members attending:

**COMMISSIONERS**

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

**ABSENT**

Darnell Waites

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Jackson presided.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Vincent seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 8, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OTHER NECESSARY BUSINESS**

1. Monthly Business Report

Commissioner Jackson stated there were two reports. The first for six months ended December 31, 2021, and the second for seven months ended January 31, 2022.

The motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the Utility Fund reports.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Waites

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

2. Other Reports

3. Items Requiring Action

**ADJOURN**

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None  
ABSENT: Waites  
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 February 22, 2022.

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