

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BAKER
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3325 GROOM ROAD, BAKER, LOUISIANA 70714
ZOOM**

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December 13, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 13, 2022, 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 Council Member Vincent.

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 Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2022.

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

1. Approve Business License Request – 2022-19

Assoumatine Assiakissa

House of Joy and Care

Location – 4425 Groom Road, Baker, Louisiana 70714

Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for House of Joy and Care.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

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 stated individuals can go over the mission statement at their convenience.

2. Vote to override Mayor’s veto of Ordinance 2022-20 (Bryant)

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to override the Mayor’s veto of Ordinance 2022-20.

YEAS: Bryant, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: Dunn, Young

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion failed with a vote of 3-2.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for the motion to pass. Thus, four votes were needed to override the Mayor’s veto of Ordinance 2022-20. The motion failed.

3. Request Attorney General’s Opinion – does City of Baker Ordinance 2010-11 prohibit food trucks (Bryant)

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to request an Attorney General’s opinion on Ordinance 2010-11. The question being does City of Baker Ordinance 2010-11 prohibit food trucks.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Vera Daniels, 201 Charles, again expressed her concerns regarding drainage issues on Charles Avenue, Lavey Lane and Sherron Avenue. She presented the Mayor and Council pictures showing high water in these areas illustrating her point about the drainage issues and flooding problem on these streets.

The Mayor stated the city is addressing the situation and plans to install a bigger culvert on Sinbad. The consensus is that this will alleviate a number of the drainage issues in the area.

The Baker Fire Department announced it is holding a winter clothing and blanket drive from December 1, 2022 – January 8, 2023. They are asking for new, non-electric blankets, gloves, knit caps and non-slip socks. Donations can be dropped off at the Baker Fire Department located at 3701 Groom Road. All items received will be distributed free of charge to senior citizens at the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging in the City of Baker on Monday, January 9, 2023.

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone Saturday is the third Saturday of the month and asked that they take part in Council Member Vincent’s Friendly Neighbor Keeper initiative. He asked that people remain vigilant and continue to pick up trash whenever and wherever they are able. He said we can and must do better. Council Member Vincent asked that everyone – Keep Baker Beautiful.

Council Member Dunn wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Bryant reported her constituent at 1152 Patricia continues to have sewer back up into her house when it rains. She said this seems to be a problem all over the city. She asked that a supervisor go to 1152 Patricia and work with the resident to resolve this issue. Council Member Bryant asked when the Food Giveaway was going to be

rescheduled. The Mayor said he does not have a date at this time. Council Member Bryant asked about the new Tahoe purchased for the Mayor's use. She feels the citizens of Baker would be better served using city finances for things other than new vehicles, such as correcting the problems that cause sewer to back up into people's homes.

Council Member Jackson reminded everyone the next council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 20, 2022. She stated she believes that every voice has the right to be heard respectfully. You may not agree with what a person is saying, but it says a lot about you if you disrespect someone, it says a lot about your character. Council Member Jackson asked everyone to please be respectful when others are talking.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring December 2022 National Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Vincent)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring January 15, 2023, Justice Sunday in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent announced a program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Justice Sunday is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Baker Branch Library. The Heroes of African American History Series, organized and co-sponsored by Dr. Charles Vincent, will present The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

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

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONDEMNATIONS

1. 1916 Florida (Mayor)
2. 2235 Chamberlain (Mayor)
3. 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
4. White house next door to 1984 Chamberlain (Mayor)
5. 2845 Groom Road (Mayor)
6. 1637 Robinson Street (Mayor)
7. 12979 Wedgewood (Mayor)

ANNEXATIONS

REPORTS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

1. Planning and Zoning
2. Annexation Review Committee
3. Economic Development Team – Council Member Bryant asked again what is being done on this front and why residents are not seeing any activity or results.
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 – Will meet Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Lagniappe.
 - e. Main Street District Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned.

**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 13, 2022.

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
3325 GROOM ROAD
BAKER, LA 70714
December 13, 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 December 13, 2022, 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 Waites, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2022.

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 a monthly sales report for October 2022 and November 2022.

The motion was made by Commissioner Waites, seconded by Commissioner Vincent to accept the sales report submitted for October 2022 and November 2022.

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 Waites, 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.

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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 Hillcrest Memorial Gardens held on December 13, 2022.

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
December 13, 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 December 13, 2022, 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

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Waites seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 22, 2022.

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 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 of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on December 13, 2022.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council