

**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 20, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 20, 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 Young.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Dunn.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2022.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to add item “2. Resolution (Bryant)” under Resolutions and Proclamations to the agenda.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Vincent to add item “3. Approve travel for Ashley Batts to attend the Louisiana Emergency Management Conference in Lake Charles January 9, 2023 to January 11, 2023 (Young)” under New Business to the agenda.

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. Stormwater presentation (Mayor)

Misty Anderson, Public Works Department, gave a brief presentation regarding stormwater in the City of Baker.

Discussion followed.

2. 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 reminded everyone that cold weather can mean a greater risk of fire and asked that they be mindful of safety as it relates to heat sources. She also reported that Gretchen Wiltz presented an award to Police Chief Carl Dunn at the Citizens Advisory Board to Law Enforcement meeting for his community service.

3. *Approve travel for Ashley Batts to attend the Louisiana Emergency Management Conference in Lake Charles January 9, 2023 to January 11, 2023 (Young)*

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Vincent to approve travel for Ashley Batts to attend the Louisiana Emergency Management Conference in Lake Charles January 9, 2023 to January 11, 2023.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone of the program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Justice Sunday 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. He asked that everyone continue to pick up trash when and where they can. Council Member Vincent wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Dunn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that they remember Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, and Feliz Navidad. She asked that everyone be mindful of the current triple threat to our health – RSV, COVID, and the flu. She asked that everyone get their booster and flu shots and do all they can to keep themselves and their families safe. Council Member Bryant announced she is organizing a toy drive and recognized the following donors – A.C. Lewis Management, RCI, Rotolo, Cox, Bayou Pest Control, Sherwin Williams, GS Supply, and HD Supply. She thanked Terrica Williams for hosting the second annual Powerful Meeting of Women on Sunday in the Municipal Auditorium.

Council Member Young reminded everyone to be aware of the coming cold weather/hard freeze and to take necessary precautions, such as wrapping pipes and bringing in pets and plants. He thanked the Learning Center for allowing him and Council Member Dunn to come and represent the City of Baker at their Christmas concert Saturday. Council Member Young said they had a great time at the event.

Council Member Jackson wished everyone a safe ending to this year and a prosperous beginning to 2023, and every year thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring the week of December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023 as Celebration of Kwanzaa Week in Baker (Vincent)

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.

2. *Resolution (Bryant)*

Council Member Bryant read the resolution regarding food trucks in the City of Baker.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Jackson to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Bryant, Jackson, Vincent

NAYS: Dunn, Young

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 3-2.

Discussion regarding the resolution was held.

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)
8. 2165 Chamberlain (Mayor)
9. 1752 Clark (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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Jackson 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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 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 Dunn, 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.

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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 20, 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 20, 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 20, 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 Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 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

Finance Director Mary Sue Stages submitted a utility fund report for four months ended October 31, 2022 and five months ended November 30, 2022.

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to accept the utility fund reports submitted by Finance Director Mary Sue Stages.

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 Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Waites 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 Board of Commissioners of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on December 20, 2022.

Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council