

**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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**July 25, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on July 25, 2023, 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** – Council President Robert Young presided.  
The invocation was given by Council Member Dunn.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carolyn Hill.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Bryant to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2023.

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 Dunn to add item “5. Proclamation declaring July 25<sup>th</sup> World Drowning Prevention Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)” to the agenda under Resolutions and Proclamations.

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 allow gubernatorial candidate Hunter Lundy to speak.

YEAS: Bryant, Dunn, Jackson, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.



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 and stated its purpose is to inspire both city leaders and members of the community. She announced two areas have been prepared for planting and as soon as the weather gets cooler, gardening activities will resume. She stated LaTonya Rounds continues to hold Zumba classes at the gym on Alabama Street. Council Member Bryant reminded everyone of the new exercise facility located behind the Council on Aging, saying this project is her hope realized, as it illustrates city leaders sharing ideas that allow the community to grow. She stated the city is blessed to have the firefighters and police officers it has. Council Member Bryant reminded everyone it is hurricane season and to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and their property.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT: Councilman Charles Vincent’s Mwalimu Institute project – “Help us find your house with visible municipal numbers” (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone that his Mwalimu Institute, in conjunction with Entergy, is implementing a city-wide program to provide visible municipal house numbers for Baker residents. One of countless programs implemented by the Mwalimu Institute over the years to help the citizens of Baker. He reported they, along with the Fire and Police Departments, have been at several locations throughout the city so far and the project is going really well. Council Member Vincent encouraged all who are in need of visible house numbers to take advantage of this program and participate.

### RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring July 2023 Flood Awareness Month in the City of Baker (Mayor)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Young 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 celebrating Little Rock Baptist Church’s anniversary – 160 years (Bryant)

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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.

3. Proclamation declaring August 2023 National Immunization 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.

4. Proclamation declaring August 2023 National Psoriasis 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 Young 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.

5. *Proclamation declaring July 25<sup>th</sup> World Drowning Prevention Day in the City of Baker (Bryant)*

City Attorney Fabre read the proclamation.

The motion was made by Council Member Bryant, seconded by Council Member Vincent 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**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Council Member Vincent thanked the residents of District 1 who came out to support his annual back-to-school effort held last Saturday. He thanked Council Member Dunn for her contribution of hand sanitizer to be placed in the bags. He also thanked Dr. Vera Daniels for her spectacular contribution to the effort. Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor for cleaning out the ditches as it is that time of year again.

Council Member Dunn thanked those who donated to the upcoming back-to-school event: Chevron, Bishop Ricky Sinclair, Mr. Leonard Benjamin, Baker Lions Club, Council Member Vincent, Shady Grove First Missionary Baptist Church, Ms. Vera Daniels, Rachel Dixon, and Mayor Darnell Waites. She announced the back-to-school event will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023, from Noon until 4:00 p.m. at the City of Baker School System office located at 14750 Plank Road. Council Member Dun asked that everyone making application to the Planning and Zoning Commission be provided with the city's procedures/protocol regulating such matters.

Council Member Bryant reminded her colleagues of the work session scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. She announced the Little Rock Baptist Church 160-year anniversary celebration will be held Sunday, August 27, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. She expressed her gratitude for the donation of cakes to the Council on Aging last week, which provided dessert for the senior citizens. She congratulated the House, Senate and Governor for passing House Bill 68 which will allow bible classes in the school system and House Bill 103 which deals with financial literacy in the educational system. Council Member Bryant stated a certified nurse's aide training program is being implemented at Baker High School. Instruction will be provided by local business Rosebud Healthcare and Training.

Council Member Young thanked everyone who attended his mother's funeral for their encouragement, love, and support. He said he greatly appreciates everything that has been done for him and his family. Council Member Young stated Sharon Marshall suggested pastors and ministers from all over the city get together and show ownership, with each one taking a month and doing the invocation at the council meetings. Council Member Young said he thinks this is a great idea and asked for input from his colleagues. He asked that the idea be implemented if it has council support.

Council Member Jackson expressed a special thank you to the citizens of Baker and those people in surrounding areas for their kind words, words of encouragement, support and understanding. She said it means a lot.

**BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

**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 – Council Member Bryant suggested that when constituents report crimes, this information be relayed to the Police Department. She reported that speeding has been especially bad recently. She said we cannot live in fear and saying nothing is how situations get out of hand. She asked that everyone take an active role in the community.
  - e. Main Street District Committee

**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 July 25, 2023.

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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  
3325 GROOM ROAD  
BAKER, LA 70714  
July 25, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, sitting as the Board of Commissioners for Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, met in regular session on July 25, 2023, 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 Young presided.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order and the motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 11, 2023.

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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Vincent 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 July 25, 2023.

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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  
July 25, 2023**

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 July 25, 2023, 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 Young 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 July 11, 2023.

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 of the Baker Consolidated Utility System held on July 25, 2023.

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Clerk of Council