

**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 23, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on July 23, 2024, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

MAYOR

Darnell Waites

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Desiree Collins

Rochelle Dunn

Cedric Murphy

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by Mayor Waites.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Young.

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Vincent to move the Lead Service Line Inventory presentation by GEC up on the agenda from item number three to item number one under New Business.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Murphy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 9, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 – 2024-15
Edwards and Sons Removal Service, LLC
Location – 3304 Baker Boulevard, Baker, Louisiana
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 Edwards and Sons Removal Service, LLC.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) presentation by GEC (Mayor)

Bliss Bernard, GEC, presented information which explained the Lead Service Line Inventory and provided an in-depth overview of what GEC will do on behalf of the City of Baker to help assure compliance with all mandated regulations.

2. Stormwater presentation – Public Works Department (Mayor)

Misty Anderson, Public Works Department, gave a presentation regarding storm water and flooding. Ms. Anderson also provided tips on things that can be done to alleviate issues arising from storm water.

1. City of Baker Gas System Public Awareness Notice (Mayor)

Misty Anderson, Public Works Department, provided an overview of the City of Baker Gas System Public Awareness Notice. The notice has been distributed to residents via their monthly utility bill.

4. Schedule work session to discuss proposed zoning ordinances (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Collins to schedule a work session to discuss proposed zoning ordinances on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

5. Council leadership for the next four years (Vincent)

The motion was made by Council Member Young, seconded by Council Member Collins to have Council Member Vincent serve as Council President and Council Member Murphy serve as Council Vice-President for 2024-2025.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Resolution to adopt the FY2024 Compliance Questionnaire (Mayor)

City Attorney Fabre read the resolution.

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to adopt the resolution.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

2. Proclamation declaring July 2024 National Minority Mental Health 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 Murphy

to accept the proclamation.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Adopt Ordinance 2024-15, an ordinance to declare that one certain Glock model 45 MOS handgun, serial # CAWL105, is surplus property and no longer needed for city purposes and provide for the disposal by sale of said handgun (Mayor) (Introduced 7/9/2024)

Public meeting was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Murphy, seconded by Council Member Collins to adopt Ordinance 2024-15.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS

William Davis, 13314 London, again expressed his concerns regarding the lack of maintenance at Greenwood Shopping Center on Highway 19. He provided pictures for the Mayor and City Council.

Wanda Horton, 1032 Sunshine, stated there is a problem with unleashed dogs all over the city. Ms. Horton said animal control has been no help and despite reporting the problem more than once, the situation has not improved. She asked that something be done.

Admon McCastle, 14056 Brantley, stated it is imperative that people get out and vote. He asked that everyone do all they can to increase voter turnout. He encouraged everyone to get registered if they are not already and implored them to exercise their right to vote.

Paula Booker, 709 Chemin, asked that the canal behind her property be cleaned out, as it poses health and safety issues in its current state.

1. Health and heat warnings (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent distributed flyers from the CDC regarding heat-related illnesses. He implored everyone to read the flyers and act accordingly in order to remain safe this summer.

2. Cutting grass in city ditches (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent thanked the Mayor and Public Works Department for cutting the grass along Lavey Lane and keeping the grass cut throughout the city.

3. Litter/trash (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent reminded everyone to join him in picking up litter at your home, in your neighborhood, and throughout the city every third Saturday. He said the library has everything needed to pick up litter in the community including grabbers, gloves, and bags. These items must be checked out in order to use them. Council Member Vincent encouraged all residents and business owners to maintain their property and participate in the Keep Louisiana Beautiful program.

Council Member Dunn announced the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Back-to-School event on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. She said it is her hope that city leaders come together, unite, and work to make the City of Baker the best city it can be.

Alteen Profit, 1957 Hovey, announced a Back-to-School event is being held on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the City of Baker school board office.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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
 - e. Main Street District Committee

ADJOURN

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Collins to adjourn.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 23, 2024.

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 23, 2024**

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 23, 2024, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
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 Vincent to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 9, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 Waites, seconded by Commissioner Dunn to adjourn.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 July 23, 2024.

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**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 23, 2024**

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 23, 2024, with the following members attending:

COMMISSIONERS

Desiree Collins
Rochelle Dunn
Cedric Murphy
Dr. Charles Vincent
Darnell Waites
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ABSTAIN: None

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Angela Canady Wall, LCMC
Clerk of Council