

**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 17, 2024 - 6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Baker, Louisiana, met in regular session on December 17, 2024, with the following members in attendance at the meeting:

**MAYOR**

Darnell Waites

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Desiree Collins

Rochelle Dunn

Dr. Charles Vincent

Robert Young

**ABSENT**

Cedric Murphy

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Waites presided.

The invocation was given by Council Member Dunn.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Vincent.

**DISPOSITION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Murphy

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Council Member Murphy joined the meeting via ZOOM.

**PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS**

1. Approve Business License Request – 2024-20  
Precision Pipeline, LLC  
Location – 3000 Main Street, Baker, Louisiana  
Discussion regarding the agenda item was held.

The motion was made by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Young to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the business license request for Precision Pipeline, LLC.

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. Proclamation declaring January 19, 2025, Justice Sunday in the City of Baker (Vincent)

Council Member Vincent read the proclamation.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduce Ordinance 2024-33, an ordinance to designate and declare certain City of Baker Police and Public Works Departments assets surplus and scrap and for related matters (Mayor)

The motion was made by Council Member Vincent, seconded by Council Member Collins to introduce Ordinance 2024-33.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, Vincent, Young

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Council Member Vincent announced that he will host a Heroes of African American History Series event – The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Baker Branch Library. He stated that Kwanza begins on December 26, 2024, and ends on January 1, 2025, and provided an overview of the holiday including its seven principles. Council Member Vincent said during this holiday season, celebrants are encouraged to make presents and to give gifts, such as books, that have educational value and to take advantage of the many sales taking place at this time of year. He asked that the City of Baker recognize and decree the week as Kwanza Week and encouraged residents to observe the holiday.

Council Member Dunn thanked everyone who has donated to the toy and bike give-away. She announced the Christmas parade and toy and bike give-away are being held Saturday, December 21, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. She also recognized the sponsors of the event for their participation and generosity. She said she is thankful for being allowed to serve wherever she is needed. Council Member Dunn wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Council Member Vincent recognized the Lions Club for their participation in the toy and bike give-away.

Council Member Collins recognized those who have donated toys and bikes at her behest.

Council Member Young invited everyone to join him at the girls' and boys' basketball games at Baker High School following the council meeting. He addressed recent posts on social media regarding the city and city leaders and asked that people not feed into the negativity. Council Member Young refuted some of the comments made as well.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

The mayor said it has been a really great six months and thanked the council for their cooperation. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONDEMNATIONS**

**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 Young 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 December 17, 2024.

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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  
December 17, 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 December 17, 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 Collins to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 10, 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

Bianca Brooks submitted a monthly sales report for October 2024.

The motion was made by Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner Young to accept the monthly sales report for October 2024.

YEAS: Collins, Dunn, Murphy, 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 Commissioners Dunn/Vincent 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 December 17, 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  
December 17, 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 December 17, 2024, with the following members attending:

**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 December 10, 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 Vincent 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**

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