

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes

City Hall

January 5, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Oath of Office, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Danny Holmes opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m. Chief Holmes also led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Roll Call

City Recorder Sharon Carlile called roll. Present were Councilman Willie Allison, Councilman Dustin Stanton, Councilman Greg Phillips, Councilman Jeff Herald and Mayor John Martin

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on December 15, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald to approve the minutes.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Phillips- Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes. Motion Carried

4. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed what is coming to Baxter and what is happening now. Mainly just waiting for spring for developments to speed up.

5. Reports From Committees, Members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and Other Officers

Public Works Director John Ramsey thanked Dustin Stanton for all his help during the bad weather and the water leaks. Building Inspector Bob Land talked about the addition being added to Love's Truck Stop. A new tire store will be there. Mr. Lane also relayed to the citizens and board that Portobello has moved up their opening date. Also, a new dentist will open in a location beside the Dollar General on Highway 70. Mr. Lane also communicated the Hendrix brothers will begin work on their restaurant. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed when the American Rescue Funds from TDEC will become available. Right now it looks like the funds will be disbursed in March.

A. Bills for Approval

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the Bills for Approval. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Phillips- Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes. Motion Carried

6. Purchase Orders

The purchase orders were approved with a motion by Councilman Jeff Herald and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Phillips- Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes. Motion Carried

7. Old Business: 2nd Reading:

A. Ordinance 2022-8- “Ordinance Of The Governing Body Of Baxter, Tennessee Amending Title 4, Municipal Personnel Chapter 2, Vacation And Sick Leave Section 4-204 Holidays”

The second reading of Ordinance 2022-8 was approved with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes, Phillips- Abstain. Motion Carried

8. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Resolution 2022-16- “Resolution Of The Governing Body Of City Of Baxter, Tennessee, Authorizing The Issuance, Sale, And Payment Of 2022 Series Capital Outlay Notes Not To Exceed \$214,000.00”

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-16 to issue capital outlay notes. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes, Phillips- Abstain. Motion Carried

B. Weather Station- Matt White

Fire Chief Matt White discussed an upcoming project for a weather station. A live feed weather camera will be placed on the City’s water tank. This will allow for observation of the weather.

C. Award Bid for Air Compressor/ Fill Station- Matt White

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve awarding the bid for the air compress/ fill station to the lowest bidder. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

Vote: Allison-Yes, Phillips- Yes, Stanton-Yes, Herald-Yes. Motion Carried

9. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A citizen complained about the red light at the intersection of Highway 56 and Highway 70 not functioning properly. Mayor Martin communicated a help ticket has been sent in to get it checked.

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

Vote: Stanton- yes; Phillips- yes; Allison-yes; Herald- yes. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor