

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
March 2, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Danny Holmes opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m and led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Firefighter Awards

Fire Chief Matt White presented Fireman Travis Lee with the Firefighter of the Year Award. Chief White also presented Chaplain Charlie Wills with the Specialized Volunteer of the Year Award and Mr. John Ramsey with the Twenty-Year Service Award.

4. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on February 2, 2023 and Special Called Meeting on February 13, 2023.

A motion to approve minutes from both the readings was made by Councilman Jeff Herald and Councilman Willie Allison.

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

5. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed Portobello opening in April.

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

Public Works Director John Ramsey discussed the storage room being completed at City Hall. Building Inspector Bob Lane communicated he issued five Certificate of Occupancy and City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed working on I-40 project and Portobello working on the completion of the pump station.

A. Bills for Approval

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

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

7. Purchase Orders

The purchase order for the Fire Department was approved with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

8. Old Business: 2nd Reading:

A. Ordinance No. 2022-10- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The General And Special Revenue Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2022-2023”

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

B. Ordinance 2022-11- “Ordinance Of The Governing Body Of Baxter, Tennessee Amending Municipal Codes, Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 3, Beer, Section 8-305 Permits Issued For Sale Of Beer Within Corporate Limits For Off-Premises And On-Premises Consumption, Subsection 2 Class A On-Premises Consumption, Item D”

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

C. Ordinance No. 2022-12- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The General And Special Revenue Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2022-2023”

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

11. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. CDL Training Program

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to hire Mr. James Smith as the CDL trainer for Baxter. Councilman Willie Allison made a second to the motion.

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

B. Blue Line Solutions

Councilman Willie Allison wanted it noted on the record that he wasn't for the Blue Line Solutions radar being utilized in the city.

C. Resolution 2022-18-“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 \$300,000.00.”

Resolution 2022-18 was approved with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton and a second by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

D. Approval of I-40 Repair Project

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the I-40 Repair Project. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

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

Authority was given to the Mayor to sign the contract for the I-40 Repair Project with a motion made by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

E. Ordinance 2022-13- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The General And Special Revenue Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2022-2023”

A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13 amending the annual operating budget of the General and Special Revenue funds was made by Councilman Willie Allison. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

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

F. Ordinance 2022-14- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The Water And Sewer Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2022-2023”

An amendment of the annual operating budget for the Water and Sewer funds was made with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton and a second by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

13. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A citizen addressed the board requesting stricter laws on animal rights. Another citizen announced Faith Chapel Ministries hosting an on event on April 29th called Unity in the Community. It will be kids’ activities and food. A citizen addressed the council about his racetrack. Codes Inspector Bob Lane has asked him to remove the tires on his property which form a racetrack.

Adjournment

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor