

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

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Danny Holmes opened the meeting at 6:02 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 Willie Allison, Councilman Jeff Herald, and Mayor John Martin.

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on June 8, 2023.

A motion to approve minutes from both the meetings and dispense of the reading was made by Councilman Willie Allison and Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

4. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed the growth Baxter is experiencing.

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

Chief Danny Holmes spoke about the four new Ford Explorers purchased with the Confinement Grant money. Codes Enforcer Bob Lane discussed the progress of Portobello. Portobello is now in the testing phase. Several homes are in process. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the pump station at Portobello being operational and he also relayed that CDBG is almost finished. Councilman Willie Allison thanked the employees for all their hard work and requesting the City to keep two police cars of the recently replaced cars. He also discussed the road is breaking off in front of his house. Councilman Jeff Herald inquired about a muffin monster being in stalled at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Bennett replied the screen would need to be installed first.

A. Bills for Approval

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the Bills for Approval. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

6. Purchase Orders

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

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

7. Old Business- 2nd Reading:

8. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Ordinance 2023-3- Ordinance Amending Food Truck Requirements

The first reading of Ordinance 2023-3 was passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

B. Effective Date Employee Raises

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to make the employee raises effective July 6, 2023. A second was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

C. Update on I-40 Project

City Engineer Tom Bennett thought the project would begin the week of July 9th. The supplies have been purchased and traffic control is ready.

D. Resolution 2023-1- Resolution to Surplus Police Cars

Resolution 2023-1 to surplus four police cars was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald. The cars being sold are a Durango, Tahoe, and two Chargers.

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

E. Violent Crimes Grant Update

Police Chief Danny Holmes discussed the Violent Crimes Grant from the governor. The funds should be available in July or August. This will purchase computers, body cameras, and active shooter gear among other things.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Adjournment

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor