

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
February 8, 2024 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Councilman Dustin Stanton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Councilman Dustin Stanton called roll. Present were Councilman Dustin Stanton, Councilman Greg Phillips, Councilman Jeff Herald, Councilman Willie Allison. Mayor John Martin was absent.

Police Chief Danny Holmes presented Officer Allen Cool with an Officer of the Year Award for his hard work and determination in capturing armed robbery suspects.

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on January 4, 2024

A motion to approve the minutes and dispense with the reading was made by Councilman Willie Allison and was seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

4. Communications from Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin was absent from the meeting; therefore, no new communications were discussed.

5. Reports from Committees, Members of the Board of Mayor and Councilmen and other Officers

All department heads and council members communicated everything was going well.

A. Bills for Approval

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to approve the Bills for Approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

6. Purchase Orders: Public Works- (1) CDL Training Material; Wastewater Treatment Plant- (1) Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide;

Sanitation- Don's Truck Service (1) Sanitation Truck Repair

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the three purchase orders. Councilman Willie Allison made a second to the motion.

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

7. Old Business - 2nd Reading

A. Ordinance No. 2023-8- “An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of The Town Of Baxter, Tennessee By Changing The Zoning Classification Of The Property Described As District 20 Map 063, Control Map 063, Parcel 135.04 (Located On Baxter Road) From R-1, Low Density Residential To C-2, General Commercial District”

A motion was made by Councilman Jeff Herald to adopt Ordinance 2023-8. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

8. New Business – 1st Reading

A. Gaming Machine

A motion to table the issue of gaming machines was made by Councilman Jeff Herald and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

B. Hire city Attorney

Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to hire the law firm of Moore, Rader and York for the city attorney position. A second was made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

C. Resolution 2023-8- “A Resolution Authorizing The Baxter Steering Committee To Submit An Application To Participate In The Tennessee Downtowns Program, A Downtown Revitalization Education And Grant Program Offered By The Tennessee Main Street Program And The Tennessee Department Of Economic And Community Development”

A motion was made by Councilman Willie Allison with a second by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

D. CDL Contract

After discussion on the CDL contract and length of the contract, Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to approve it. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

E. Salt Building

Public Works Director John Ramsey approached the board about the need for a building to store the City’s salt reserve. Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to pursue sealed bids for a salt building. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

F. Approval of New Depreciation Amount

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the new depreciation amount presented to the board in their packets. A second was made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

9. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Councilman Willie Allison congratulated Officer Allen Cool for receiving the Officer of the Year Award. Mr. Allison also thanked the Sheriff's department for all of their help. Councilman Dustin Stanton thanked Public Works Director John Ramsey and his crew for all their hard work on the icy roads during freeze. A citizen inquired where the City is at with hiring more police officers and firemen. She also asked about the timing of the new Dollar Tree at the crossroads. Councilman Dustin Stanton explained that the City is looking at budgets for more officers. He also told her the Dollar Tree had decided not to build on that site.

Adjournment

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

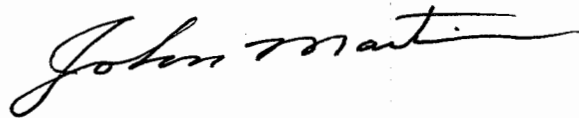
Vote: Phillips – Yes, Stanton - Yes; Herald- Yes, Allison- Yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



John Martin, Mayor