

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
Visitor's Center
June 1, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Chief Danny Holmes opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Chief Holmes also led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Dustin Stanton made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jeff Herald to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on April 13, 2017 and to dispense of the reading.

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

5. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Mayor Martin recognized Doctor House. Doctor House is a new dentist in Baxter. He spoke to everyone about his history. He said he had met Officer Bullard and they were discussing the equipment the police possess. Officer Bullard stated he did not have a rifle. Therefore, Doctor House chose to donate the rifle to the Officer Bullard of the Baxter Police Department. Chief Holmes welcomed everyone from Upperman Dental.

Mayor Martin asked for Comments or Grievances from the citizens. Citizen Paul Chaffin spoke about being in the city limits. He said he did not have city water or sewer. He says he received a tax notice but he has never been in the City Limits.

Ms. Jeanie Lee talked about the report from the Friends of the Depot and Beautification Committee. The City wide yard sale is scheduled for June 24th. She also spoke about the new bylaws for the Friends of the Depot and she thanked everyone for their hard work on the park. Alderman Dustin Stanton felt 50.00/ hour was too much. Alderman Willie Allison agreed with Alderman Stanton. He felt the pavilion should be free to use. Mayor Martin thought the deposit should be taken out and the rent dropped to 25.00/ hour.

Alderman Jeff Herald commended Water Superintendent John Ramsey for passing his test. Alderman Willie Allison suggested a raise for Mr. Ramsey. Mayor Martin asked the board to table the issue and discuss it before deciding on an amount.

6. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed the hard work by Street and Water Dept. helping the county with the park. He also discussed donations from some local businesses for playground equipment.

He conveyed to everyone that Fiesta Cancun had closed on the property on Olan Maxwell Road. He thanked the board for all their hard work.

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

A. Bills for Approval

Alderman Willie Allison made a motion to pay the bills. Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

B. Purchase Orders

A motion to approve all purchase orders made by Alderman Jeff Herald and seconded by Alderman Dustin Stanton.

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

C. Leak Adjustment Approvals

Alderman Willie Allison made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jeff Herald to approve the leak adjustments.

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

Old Business:

A. Ordinance 2017-1 An Ordinance of The Town of Baxter, Tennessee Adopting A Budget For The General and Special Revenue Funds and Tax Rate For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018- 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Willie Allison to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-1. Alderman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

B. Ordinance 2017-2 An Ordinance of The Town of Baxter, Tennessee Adopting A Budget For Water and Sewer Fund For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018- 2nd Reading

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion and Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-2.

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

C. Ordinance 2016-18 An Ordinance Amending the Annual Operating Budget of the General and Special Revenue Funds of Baxter, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2016-2017- 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Herald with a second by Alderman Willie Allison to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2016-18.

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

New Business:

A. AFG Grant

B. Friends of the Depot- Visitor Center Fees

The fees were discussed during the comments and grievances from citizens.

C. UHS Soccer Booster Club Donation

A motion to table the decision on the donation until the July meeting was made by Alderman Willie Allison. Alderman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

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

D. Bennett Associates Contracts

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the Bennett Associates Contracts. Alderman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

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

E. Discussion about Amendment for Time on Grass

Bob Lane discussed the Ordinance regarding the time on the grass. He would like the Municipal Code to be amended to allow 5 days for grass to be cut instead of ten days.

A motion to change the municipal code to give 5 days to have your grass cut instead of ten was made by Alderman Willie Allison. Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

F. Discussion on Cell Towers

Regulating the cell Towers was discussed in the Planning Commission meeting. Please see minutes from the Planning Commission meeting on June 1, 2017.

G. Locations of Zoning

Please see minutes from the Planning Commission meeting on June 1, 2017.

H. Resolution 2016-15 A Resolution Establishing Procedures For Public Inspection of, Access to And Duplication of Public Records Under the Tennessee Public Records Act

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion with a second by Alderman Greg Phillips to approve Resolution 2016-15

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

I. Ordinance 2016-19 An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The General and Special Revenue Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2016-2017

A motion was made by Alderman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Alderman Greg Phillips to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-2.

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

With no further comments, Alderman Greg Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor