

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
Visitor's Center
August 3, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Chief Danny Holmes opened the meeting at 6:06 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 6:08 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 Jeff Herald made a motion, seconded by Alderman Willie Allison to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on July 6, 2017, and Special Called Meeting on July 20, 2017 and to dispense of the reading.

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

5. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A citizen asked if we were still planning to run sewer down Ward Mill Rd and how far it would run. He also wanted to know the progress. Mayor Martin said the City is still waiting on information on the CDBG Grant.

Mrs. Angela Cripps spoke about donating an American Motors American 220 car to the City of Baxter Police Department.

Alderman Willie Allison made a motion to revert the car back to Mr. and Mrs. Cripps if the car is not maintained and/ or the City no longer wants to keep it. Alderman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

Mrs. Jeanie Lee spoke about pre solar eclipse celebration the weekend before the Solar Eclipse 2017. She said Gear Heads Car Club will be having a cruise in that weekend as well.

6. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mr. Martin spoke about the park. He said people have commented on the walking trail. He wanted everyone to know the walking trails will be improved. It is just going to take time. He commended the Street Department and Water Department on their work on the park. Mayor Martin also addressed the traffic issues in Baxter. He conveyed TDOT is working on the issue at the intersection of Highway 70 and Highway 56. He said TDOT said it is just going to take time. He also addressed the issues of the new red lights at the interstate. Mr. Martin wanted everyone to know TDOT is working on getting all the lights synced. He also spoke about the City posting signs about fines for blocking the intersection. Mrs. Angela Cripps asked about the roundabout being more dangerous than a red light. Mayor Martin conveyed statistics show red lights cause more fatalities than roundabouts. The City is planning on giving education on the roundabouts.

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

Alderman Willie Allison wanted to know if the ditches done by the Street Department will be mowed. Mayor Martin said the Parks and Recreation Department would take care of it. City Engineer Tom Bennett said some of the things were temporary deferments.

Mayor Martin commended the Street Department and Water Department for their work on Cow Palace.

Water Superintendent John Ramsey spoke about the videos for the Sewer plant from years ago. He also said he watched them and would be starting to work on them.

Fire Chief Matt White thanked everyone for coming to the dedication for the new Fire Engine. He invited everyone to come look at it. The truck has been the talk of the Upper Cumberland.

Street Supervisor Ben Brewington discussed his laborer Brandon Spears not showing up for four days.

Alderman Willie Allison made a motion to post an ad for a new street employee with the requirement of getting their CDL license within 90 days. Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Willie Allison made a motion to dismiss Brandon Spears for failure to return to work. Alderman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

Codes Enforcer Bob Lane discussed the Senior Citizens center being almost complete. He also discussed the building permits that have been issued. Mr. Lane discussed how he handles situations where people aren't within the codes.

City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the cost of smoke testing equipment for the Sewer. He conveyed the equipment is fairly cheap.

He let the board know that the funds cannot be taken from depreciation.

Mr. Bennett recommended that the Water Department do point repairs if possible in order of priority. He also recommended that the smoke testing be done and the manholes need to be inspected.

Codes Enforcer said he would be glad to donate some plugs to the City if he still has them.

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion to authorize the water superintendent to purchase equipment for smoke test not to exceed 5,000.00. Alderman Dustin Stanton made a second.

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

Mayor Martin asked about the Elmore Town Road Project and how much the city will have to fund and then get reimbursed. He said the state has still not got the final numbers. It is uncertain when the state will have the final numbers.

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 including additional purchase orders added before the meeting made by Alderman Jeff Herald which was 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 Greg Phillips to approve the leak adjustments.

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

Old Business:

- A.** Ordinance 2016-20 “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget of The General And Special Revenue Funds of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2016-2017”- 2nd Reading

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion and Alderman Willie Allison seconded the motion to pass the second reading of Ordinance 2016-20.

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

New Business:

- A.** Jason Pierce-

Mayor Martin conveyed the City offered to keep Mr. Pierce employed part time by the City at a reduced cost. Mr. Pierce declined the offer.

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion to give Mr. Pierce a ninety day notice that the City will no longer need to employ his services. Alderman Willie Allison Made a second.

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

B. Double Springs Settlement

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion with a second by Alderman Willie Allison to accept settlement 2:17.

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

Alderman Jeff Herald 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 7: 09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor