

**City of Baxter
Special Called Meeting Minutes
City Hall 200 Main Street
February 25, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Agenda

Industrial Access Road

Resolution to Request Charter Change for Appointment of City Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jeff Wilhite called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

City Recorder Stacey Austin called roll. Present were Alderman Greg Phillips, Alderman Willie Allison, Alderman Jeff Herald, Alderman Harmon Garris, and Mayor Jeff Wilhite.

3. Business

The Mayor advised we had Horace and Jackie Burks with Fixtur-World present for the Industrial Access Road business.

The Mayor advised we have been approved for a 300 foot section of road. This road is a significant opportunity for us because the road has been approved to go directly to Highway 56 and would open up a lot of properties in that area. The Mayor advised for us to get this road we would have to extend it on to Fixtur-World. The Mayor advised he is trying to come up with some estimates on materials. He advised we would have to bid out the stone on this project. The Mayor advised there is 2200 feet of road we would be responsible for putting in. The Mayor advised according to our subdivision regulations we would need a 60 feet right-of-way to be granted by Mr. Burks. The State is putting in two twelve feet lanes and four feet of shoulders on each side with ditches. The Mayor advised we would be putting in two twelve feet lanes with two feet of shoulders. The Mayor estimated \$40,000 in rock and \$40,000 in pavement and maybe another \$30,000 for binder. The Mayor advised there would also need to be some culverts, increase in fuel use, and labor. The Mayor advised he estimated around \$150,000 not counting the labor and asked the board about commitment to do the project. Discussion was also made on the sewer pumping station and the need for a sewer construction easement and maintenance easement. Mr. Burks advised he didn't think there would be a problem from his standpoint. After further discussion, Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion, seconded by Alderman Willie Allison to give the Mayor the authority to accept the access road and to permit extending the Road to where Fixtur-World has access. Vote: Phillips – yes, Allison – yes, Herald –yes, Garris – yes. Motion carried.

Before the next item of business, the City Recorder Stacey Austin presented to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen her resignation effective April 1, 2016. A copy of the resignation is included with the minutes. The board could not act on the resignation at the meeting because it was not on the advertised agenda. However, she thought it was important to present the information at this meeting.

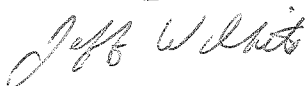
The board discussed making the city recorder's position an appointed position. After discussion, Alderman Willie Allison made a motion to take the city recorder's office as elected out of the charter. The Mayor advised he wasn't for doing this initially, but he kind of supports it now. Alderman Harmon Garris seconded the motion. Vote: Phillips – yes, Allison – yes, Herald –yes, Garris –yes. Motion carried.

With no other business on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stacey M. Austin, City Recorder



Jeff Wilhite Mayor

February 25, 2016

Dear Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Baxter, Citizens, and Employees,

With careful thought, consideration, and prayer, I am resigning from my elected position of City Recorder effective April 1, 2016. I have accepted a job opportunity that will allow me to live outside the City of Baxter, work from my home, be close to my family and have a positive impact on my health. As many of you know, my husband and I own property that is located outside the corporate limits of Baxter next to my parent's property that we would like to build a home on in the near future. I feel this job opportunity will be a beneficial move for my family and my health.

I am forever grateful to the citizens of Baxter who have elected me to serve them. I am greatly humbled by their faith and confidence in me. It has been with great pride, integrity, professionalism, and dedication that I have served them. Baxter is a wonderful town with wonderful people. It is those citizens, business owners, employees, and volunteers that have made this town a wonderful place to live and work. It has been those that have seen the town through difficult times and those with intuitive minds that have helped this town prosper.


It is my hope that I have left an honorable handprint on this town. During the last 11 years in office, I have seen the town make remarkable strides and cross vigilant milestones. I feel blessed to have played a small part in the progress that has been made.

I am confident the board will appoint or the citizens will elect, whatever path is chosen, an individual with knowledge and professionalism to fill the recorder's position.

Change is inevitable and it is not always negative. It can be a challenge for us all, but out of change becomes new ideas, new energy, and life. To quote John F. Kennedy, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or to the present are certain to miss the future." Sometimes God interrupts the everyday uniformity and continuity of our lives to show us what he has in store for us.

May God continue to bless you, your families, and the Town of Baxter.

Respectfully,


Stacey M. Austin