

**City of Baxter
Special Called Meeting
Visitor's Center
May 1, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Business:

1. Settlement Agreement Between Double Springs and Baxter

Mayor Martin explained to the board this was an agreement between both parties to drop the lawsuit.

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion for Mayor Martin to sign the agreement.
Alderman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

2. 2017-18 Budget Discussions

City Recorder Sharon Carlile conveyed to the board that the deficit in the new budget was around \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The state has checked it and said the budget looks good. The fund balance was also explained as the amount of money in the CDs and bank accounts. Mayor Martin discussed that the budget doesn't contain anything for any of the new businesses the City of Baxter is expecting in the next fiscal year.

The Alderman, Mayor, and City Recorder discussed the budget for the Fire Department. Alderman Jeff Herald felt the Chief should be given a \$3,000.00 per year raise and the rest should be given to the rest of the volunteers. Alderman Dustin Stanton felt Fire Chief Matt White does a lot for the City of Baxter. All of the Alderman felt Chief White is a big asset to the City.

Alderman Jeff Herald made a motion to change Fire Chief Matt White's pay for the next year to \$20,040.00 and raise the other fire fighters to \$13.00 per hour and Captain Adam Brown to \$14.00 per hour. Alderman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

Vote: Herald-yes, Allison-yes, Phillips-yes, Stanton-no. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor