

**City of Baxter
Special Called Meeting
Visitor's Center
June 15, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Business:

1. Discussion on Payoff of Sidewalk Loan

Mayor Martin discussed the need to pay off the Sidewalk Loan at Bank of Putnam County. City Recorder Sharon Carlile informed the Mayor and Alderman that the payoff is approximately \$24,000.00 up to \$28,000.00. Alderman Jeff Herald conveyed the City needed to pay it off to be eligible for a new sidewalk grant. Dustin Stanton agreed. He has citizens complaining about some of the sidewalks so he would like for the City to be able to qualify for a new Sidewalk Grant.

Alderman Greg Phillips made a motion with a second by Alderman Dustin Stanton to pay off the Sidewalk loan.

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

2. 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 Jeff Herald to approve Ordinance 2016-19. Alderman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

3. Access Road

Mayor Martin discussed the access road to Fixture World. He said the board needed to make a decision. The total cost to Baxter would be 1,384,000.00. The Mayor asked the board to be thinking about this access road. He didn't feel the City could afford to do this project. City Engineer Tom Bennett gave the board and Mayor estimates on all fees for this road. Alderman Greg Phillips communicated there is not that many trucks coming from Fixture World. City Engineer said if you went a shorter distance the cost would drop to 889,000.00.

4. Double Springs Update

Mayor John Martin conveyed to the board that he had a meeting with the City Attorney about the Titan Development project. He also updated the board he has not heard from Double Springs about the dispute. City Engineer explained to the board there would need to be a letter of intent written to Justin Cumby of Titan Development. The Mayor also informed the board about his meeting with TDOT this week. TDOT is working on an impact study at the four ways stop where Hwy 56 and Hwy 70 intersect. TDOT is also looking at doing a roundabout in this area. He discussed having educational seminars for the citizens of Baxter if a roundabout is installed here. Alderman Dustin Stanton asked if the roundabout would be sufficient for school and the apartment complex traffic. Mayor Martin and City Engineer Tom Bennett informed the board TDOT was aware of all the school traffic and the Titan Development.

5. Pay Raises for Employees

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Herald and seconded by Alderman Greg Phillips to approve the employee pay raises for the Budget 2017-18.

Vote: Phillips- yes, Stanton- yes, Herald- yes. Motion passed

6. Purchase Order: Street (1)

Alderman Greg Phillips and Alderman Dustin Stanton wanted bids taken and more research done before a trailer was purchased. They would prefer a heavier trailer. Alderman Dustin Stanton suggested a 7ft trailer instead of a 6-ft. trailer and a tandem axle with brakes.

A motion was made by Alderman Dustin Stanton to deny this purchase order. Alderman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: Phillips- yes, Stanton- yes, Herald- yes. Motion passed

7. Crossroads Liquors License Discussion

Mayor Martin informed the board about the situation at Crossroads Wine and Spirits. He has spoken with ABC which controls the liquor license. The store's license has been suspended. He wanted the board to be thinking about what needs to be done in this situation. Alderman Dustin Stanton asked what would have to happen if more than one person was interested in opening a liquor store in another location. The Mayor conveyed a lotto would have to be done to pick someone.

8. Resolution 2016- 17 “Unanimous Written Consent Of The Mayor And Alderman Of The Town Of Baxter, Tennessee, And Their Successor In Office”

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Herald to approve Resolution 2016-17. Alderman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

Mayor Martin opened the meeting to City Engineer Tom Bennett. Mr. Bennett Wanted the board to know he is working on getting everything settled at the Titan Development situation.

Alderman Greg Phillips asked questions about the sewer situation at the Titan Development and Double Springs supplying water. The board discussed the differences in meter sizes.

Mayor Martin opened it up to the Herald Citizen. She asked how much revenue the City is losing a year with the closing of Crossroads Wine and Spirits. City Recorder conveyed the City is losing about \$24,000.00 a year.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Jeff Herald and seconded by Alderman Dustin Stanton to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Phillips- yes, Stanton- yes, Herald- yes. Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor