

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
December 15, 2022
6:00 p.m.

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

Fire Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Chief White also led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Mayor Martin recognized a citizen for their presentation of an American Flag portrait to the city.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on November 3, 2022. A motion was made by Councilman Jeff Herald and seconded by Councilman Willie Allison to approve the minutes.

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

4. Communications From Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed what is coming to Baxter and what is happening now. Rain has slowed things down recently. Taco Bell is open and business is great. A new dentist is coming to town.

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

Fire Chief Matt White announced several grants that the fire department has gotten approved for currently. Mayor Martin thanked the Fire Chief for everything he does for the city. Public Works director discussed the problems with one of the sanitation trucks. The truck is in the shop and should be fixed soon. He also discussed the leak detection being conducted on the water lines. Building Inspector Bob Land talked about the addition to the high school currently in progress. He also talked about the house the high school builds each year. Three new businesses coming or already located in to Baxter. It will be a dentist, a barber shop and the Taco Bell. Portobello is moving in their equipment. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the projects for the EDA grant. Looks like the city will be severely under budget for the project. This will allow more work to be done with the funds. More camera work on the sewer is being done utilizing the CDBG funds. Councilman Greg Phillips received a phone call from a citizen bragging on the insurance offered for water leaks. Councilman Jeff Herald asked for more hard hats and vest to be purchased for use on the job site visits by the

employees and council. Mayor John Martin thanked Chelsey Stanton for all of her hard work on the Baxter Christmas Parade.

A. Bills for Approval

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to approve the Bills for Approval. Councilman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

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

6. Purchase Orders

The purchase orders were approved with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

7. Old Business: 2nd Reading:

8. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Ordinance 2022-8- “Ordinance Of The Governing Body Of Baxter, Tennessee Amending Title 4, Municipal Personnel Chapter 2, Vacation And Sick Leave Section 4-204 Holidays”

The first reading of Ordinance 2022-8 was approved with a motion by Councilman Greg Phillips and seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

B. Speed limit on Old Ditty Rd –Ordinance

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to lower the speed limit on Old Ditty Road to twenty-five miles per hour from thirty miles per hour. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

C. Capital Outlay- Sanitation Truck

City Recorder Sharon Carlile discussed bids received for a ten-year capital outlay note to purchase a sanitation truck for \$214,000.00. She also explained to the board that the city is still awaiting approval from the Comptroller’s Office on the note.

Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to approve awarding the bid to One Bank of Tennessee contingent on approval from the Comptroller’s Office. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

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

D. Resolution No. 2022 – 17- “A Resolution Of The City Of Baxter, Tennessee Providing Authorization For The Mayor To Execute A Contract With The Tennessee Department Of Transportation For Assistance In The Construction And Completion Of An Industrial Access Roadway To The Proposed Site Of Project Global “

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 2022-17. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

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

E. Air Filling Station Bid- Fire Chief

Fire Chief Matt White announced the fire department had been awarded a FEMA grant with a match of five percent to purchase an air filling station. He asked for the board's permission to put out to bid the air filling station. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to bid out the air filling station and Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

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

Councilman Willie Allison asked to add to the agenda for next month the purchase of computers for the council. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

9. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

No comments from the citizens.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

John Martin, Mayor