

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
May 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief opened the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and led the Invocation and the 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 Councilman Dustin Stanton, Councilman Greg Phillips, Councilman Jeff Herald, Councilman Willie Allison and Mayor John Martin.

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting on April 4, 2024.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the minutes and dispense of the reading. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

4. Fire Chief Matt White Firefighter Awards

Chief Matt White recognized his firefighters. Phillip Roper was awarded the Firefighter of the Year. Steven Warren was awarded the Volunteer Firefighter of the year. Mr. Warren has been a volunteer for three years. Chief White thanked the council.

A. Bills for Approval

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the Bills for Approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

6. Purchase Orders:

There were no purchase orders.

7. Old Business - 2nd Reading

A. Resolution 2023-10- To Apply For Federal Assistance with USDA for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Resolution 2023-10 passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and was seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

B. Resolution 2023-11- To Provide Contingent Authorization For The Mayor To Execute A Construction Contract With J. Cumby Construction, Inc. For The Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11. A second was made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

C. Ordinance 2023-11- Amending Mobile Food Units Municipal Code

A motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-1 was made by Greg Phillips and seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

D. Ordinance 2023-12- Amending General and Special Revenue Funds for FY 2023-24

Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-12, amending the General and Special Revenue for fiscal year 2023-24. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

E. Ordinance 2023-13- Amending Water and Sewer Funds for FY 2023-24

Ordinance 2023-13, amending the water and sewer funds for fiscal year 2023-24, passed with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

F. Settlement Agreement and Release Between Titan Construction and ERB Properties

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the settlement agreement between Titan Construction and ERB Properties with paragraph 5 removed. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

G. Ordinance 2024-1- Adopting A Budget For The General And Special Revenue Funds And Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025

Councilman Willie Allison abstained from the vote. He didn't have time to review the information.

The first reading of Ordinance 2024-1 passed with a motion by Councilman Greg Phillips and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

H. Ordinance 2024-2- Adopting A Budget For Water And Sewer Fund For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2025

Councilman Willie Allison abstained from the vote. He didn't have time to review the information.

A motion was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton to adopt the first reading of Ordinance 2024-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

I. Authorization for the Mayor to sign agreement for the City to join the Master Parks and Recreation Plans

The Mayor was given authority to sign the agreement for the city to join the Master Parks and Recreation Plan with a motion by Councilman Greg Phillips. A second to the motions was made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

9. Communications from Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed the growth in Baxter. He also the thanked the board for all of their support.

10. Reports from Committees, Members of the Board of Mayor and Councilmen and other Officers

Public Works Director John Ramsey said his department is in good shape. City Attorney Dan Radar had no news. He will follow up on the gaming machine law suits. City Building Inspector communicated DR Horton had built twelve more units on Dale Mires Lane, and eight units behind the Shell station. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the progress of the WWTP and the Wolf Creek water line. Both projects are moving along. He also discussed the Ditty Road project. Councilman Greg Phillips wanted everyone to know he is just trying to represent the people on the One Way.

11. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Amy Allen discussed the Summer Fest planned for June 1st. She had about 40 to 50 vendors. Citizens on Oak St addressed the board about issues on Wheeler St. They don't feel safe with the situations around them. Fights in the streets, people trespassing, burning things at night, homeless people looking in windows and trying to open doors. They asked for extra patrols from the police department. After much discussion, Councilman Willie Allison assured the citizens that our officers will do something about the issues.

Adjournment

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

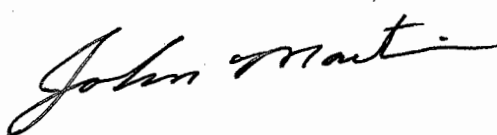
Vote: Phillips – Yes, Stanton - Yes; Herald- Yes, Allison-Yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



John Martin, Mayor