

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
July 11, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order

Mayor John Martin called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 June 6, 2024.

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to approve the minutes and dispense of the reading. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

4. Bills for Approval

A motion to approve the bills was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

5. Purchase Orders: Sewer (1); Water (1)

Three purchase orders were approved with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

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

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading:

No old business to discuss.

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Update on Gaming Machines

The City attorney communicated the case in Missouri had a hearing that afternoon. The outcome will set the precedence for the legality of the machines.

B. Appointment of Police Chief

Councilman Willie Allison thanked all of the applicants and discussed how hard the decision was for him since he worked in law enforcement. He also expressed he is friends with all the applicants and hoped there wouldn't be any hard feelings. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to appoint Lieutenant Brian Maxwell as the chief. The motion failed due to no second.

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to appoint Al Reyes. This motion passed with a second by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

C. Water and General Time Deposits- Putnam 1st Mercantile Rates

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion and Councilman Greg Phillips seconded it to allow Mayor John Martin and City Recorder Sharon Carlile to negotiate the best rate for the renewal of the time deposits.

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

D. Fire Station Generator- Chief Matt White

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to put the Fire Station Generator out to bid. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

8. Communications from Mayor John Martin

Mayor Martin discussed the current election campaigns. He wanted everyone to know that the water rates could not be reduced.

9. Reports from Committees, Members of the Board of Mayor and Councilman, and other Officers

Mayor Martin discussed the hard work from the water department to stop the leaks.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Mr. Greg Musson spoke about Al Reyes and what a great job he will do as Police Chief.

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to put Al Reyes, the new police chief on a ninety-day probation. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

Citizen Tony Crowe asked the council if they planned on upgrading the water lines in Silver Point. And also, complimented John Ramsey on his hard work. Citizen Rick Anderson echoed Mr. Crowe's sentiments.

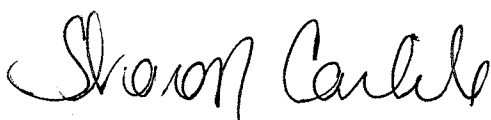
Adjournment

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

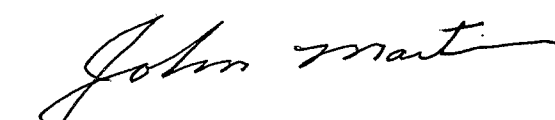
Vote: Phillips – Yes, Stanton - Yes; Herald- Yes, Allison-Yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



John Martin, Mayor