

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
November 7, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Al Reyes opened the meeting at 6:02 p.m. and led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 Danny Holmes.

3. Wayne Nabors- Swearing in of Officer Miquela Sullivan and Officer Robert Bear

County Clerk Wayne Nabors swore in Officer Miquela Sullivan and Officer Robert Bear to the Baxter Police Department.

4. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on October 3, 2024, and Special Called Meeting on October 21st.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion with a second by Councilman Jeff Herald to approve the minutes and dispense of the reading.

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

5. Bills for Approval

A motion to approve the bills was made by Councilman Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

6. Purchase Orders: Police (1)

A purchase order for police was approved with a motion by Councilman Jeff Herald. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

7. Old Business- 2nd Reading:

A. Ordinance 2024-6- Amending Fire and Police Budgets

A second reading of Ordinance 2024-6 was passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and a second by Greg Phillips.

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

B. Ordinance 2024-7- Setting Speed on Baylor Court

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2024-7 to set the speed on Baylor Court. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

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

8. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Ordinance 2024-3- Amending Police Budget

A first reading of Ordinance 2024-3 was passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and a second by Greg Phillips.

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

B. Debt Report

City Recorder Sharon Carlile read the debt report details.

C. Bob Lane Contract

Codes Enforcer Bob Lane submitted a new contract with a raise of \$200.00/ month for codes enforcement for the city. Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to approve the new contract amount of \$800.00 a month. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

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

D. Holiday Service Awards

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve holiday service awards to all employees for their years of service. A second was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

E. Ordinance 2024-8- Amending the Sewer budget

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2024-8. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

F. Discussion of Utilities on Ditty Road project

City Engineer Tom Bennett gave a report on the utilities needing to be moved for the new SIA road. It is possible TDOT will pay for this. The city will need to make a plan. Councilman Greg Phillips asked what the city needed to do.

A motion to approve the engineer to start working on moving the utilities was made by Councilman Greg Phillips. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

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

9. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Danny Holmes wanted everyone to know how blessed he feels to be the Mayor of the City of Baxter. Building is booming and hoping for more businesses. Mayor Holmes welcomed the new police officers.

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

Public Works Director, Fire Chief, and Police Chief all said everything had nothing new to report in their departments. Building Inspector Bob Lane communicated there is 10 single family and 12 condos under construction. City Attorney is tracking the new case on gambling machines everything depends on what happens in that case.

11. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Jeanie Lee gave the Beautification Committee Report and thanked Fire Chief Matt White for all his help.

Adjournment

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



Danny Holmes, Mayor