

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall

August 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief **Matt** White did the Pledge of Allegiance and Brother Chris Henry did the Invocation.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

City Recorder Sharon Carlile called roll. Present were Councilman Willie Allison, Councilman Dustin Stanton, Councilman Greg Phillips, and Mayor Danny Holmes. Councilman Jeff Herald was absent.

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Board Meeting on July 9, 2026.

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

Vote: All Ayes 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: All Ayes Motion Carried

5. Purchase Orders: Sewer- Brenntag; Water- Utility Solutions (2)

Two purchase orders for Water and one for sewer was approved with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison, with a second by Councilman Greg Phillips.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Ordinance 2026-3- “An Ordinance To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of The Town Of Baxter, Tennessee By Changing The Zoning Classification Of The Properties Described As District 20 Map 056, Parcel 161.01, Map 56n, Group F, Parcel 016.00, And Map 056n, Group F, Parcel 017.00 (Located On Phillips St) From R-1, Low Density Residential To R-2, High Density Residential District”

The first reading of Ordinance 2026-3, rezoning property on Phillips St from R-1 to R-2 passed with a motion by Councilman Greg Phillips. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

B. Resolution 2026-1- “A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Baxter, Tennessee Providing Authorization For The Mayor To Execute A Lease Agreement On Behalf Of The City Of Baxter Pertaining To The City Park Property”

After much discussion, Resolution 2026-1 allowing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Janice Austin for her property used for the Baxter City Park, passed with a motion by Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

8. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Holmes presented Councilman Willie Allison with a plaque honoring his sixteen years of service to the City of Baxter. Mr. Allison did not run for reelection. He spoke about all of his years on the council and how valuable the employees are to the city. He asked the person taking his seat on the council to please take care of the employees. Mayor Holmes congratulated Councilman Greg Phillips on his reelection and Mr. Brian Burgess for his election to the council.

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

Councilman Willie Allison congratulated Greg Phillips and Brian Burgess on their elections to the council. Councilman Greg Phillips thanked everyone for their votes. Councilman Dustin Stanton thanked all employees for all their hard work. Building Inspector Bob Lane discussed the growth in Baxter. There are currently ten to eleven houses under construction on Main St. Mayor Holmes asked for prayers for Councilman Jeff Herald for the loss of his mother. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the plans issued by TDOT for the interstate project ramps. He would also like to have a workshop with the Mayor and Council for the upcoming project. The water department is having a lot of problems in Silver Point and has purchased five flow meter monitors to find the pressure problems. Leaks are hard to find if they don't come to the surface. The Water Department also installed a pressure reducing valve to help an area that the pump station was most likely struck by lightning. The system is improving with the additions. The employees have been out all hours of the night trying to fix the problems. Mrs. Jeanie Lee spoke about the upcoming Harvest Festival.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Citizen Tim Williams was upset the water has a minimum bill with zero to two thousand gallons. The City Recorder, Mayor Holmes and the Public Works Director tried to explain to Mr. Williams the minimum bill. Mr. Richard Waller finds it interesting the old park lease was a dollar a year but the new owner is asking for two thousand five hundred dollars for five years. Mr. Waller doesn't like the increase.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

Danny Holmes, Mayor