

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
July 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:01 and did the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Jeremy Williams did the invocation.

Mayor Danny Holmes gave awards to Jake Stinett and Grady Phelps for placing in the State Wrestling Competition. The coach thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing the wrestling team and their achievements. The team had four state qualifiers and two people who medaled.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

2. Approval of minutes from Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on June 5, 2025.

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

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 Willie Allison.

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

5. Purchase Orders: None

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Debt Report- USDA Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab

City Recorder Sharon Carlile read the debt report for the USDA Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab. She explained the interest rate is 1.375% and the term is forty years.

B. Employee Pay Raises 2025-26

Councilman Greg Phillips made a motion to retro employee pay raises to July 3rd, 2025 for the new budget year. Councilman Jeff herald seconded the motion.

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

C. Resolution 2024-12- Annexation of 199 Millie Lane

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-12 to pass the first reading to annex 199 Millie Lane. A second was made by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

D. Resolution 2024-11- Adopting a Plan of Services for Annexation of 1.54 Acres located at 199 Millie Lane

The first reading of Resolution 2024-11 passed with a motion by Councilman Jeff Herald and a second by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

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

E. Police Motorbike Lease

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to renew the police motorbike lease for another year. The payment is \$200.00 a month per bike. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

9. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Danny Holmes thanked everyone for attending and mentioned Domino's Pizza will be here soon.

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

Mayor Holmes asked the City Attorney, Wade Blair, for any updates on city issues. Mr. Blair discussed what a pleasure it was to work with City Recorder, Sharon Carlile, on the USDA WWTP Rehab loan. He is watching the gambling trial closely for the result. Building Inspector Bob Lane communicated there has been twenty-one new rooftops and sixteen footers in the last thirty days. City Engineer Tom Bennett updated the Mayor and Council on the WWTP Rehab. It is sixty percent finished. Should be finished by the end of 2025. The TDEC/ ARPA sewer rehab is almost finished and coming to a close. The Wolf Creek Project is out for bid. Police Chief Al Reyes had nothing new. Fire Chief Matt White wanted the Council to know the fire station had a lightning strike. Public Works Director John Ramsey had nothing new also.

11. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A citizen asked about why water and sewer bills are so high. Mayor Danny Holmes discussed everything included on the bill. There are various services. He understands the frustration with the cost.

Adjournment

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

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The block contains two handwritten signatures. The signature on the left is 'Sharon Carlile' in a cursive script. The signature on the right is 'Danny Holmes' in a more stylized, bold cursive script.

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

Danny Holmes, Mayor