

City of Baxter

Regular Meeting Minutes

City Hall

August 7, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Fire Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:00 and Pastor Houston Jared did the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 July 10, 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 Jeff Herald and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

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

5. Purchase Orders: Fire (1)

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to include a new purchase order for sewer. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

Fire and Sewer purchase orders were approved with a motion by Councilman Greg Phillips and a second by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Speed Limit- 1st Ave by Dollar General Market increase to 30 mph

Mayor Holmes requested the speed limit on 1st Ave by the Dollar General Market be moved back to 30 mph. Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the increase in the speed limit. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

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

B. Resolution 2025-1- Fire and Police Pay

Resolution 2025-1, changing police and fire employees to salaried, non-exempt, passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison and a second by Councilman Jeff Herald.

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

C. Resolution 2025-2- Budget Amendment

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the budget amendment in Resolution 2025-2. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

D. Visitor Center and Amphitheater Rental Agreements

After much discussion, Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to not charge a deposit for rental of either venue. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

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

E. Discussion of Fire Department Communication Equipment

Fire Chief Matt White asked to bid out fifteen radios for the volunteer firemen. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the chief bidding out the radios. A second to the motion made by Councilman Willie Allison.

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

F. Wolf Creek Waterline Recommendation of Award

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to add Resolution 2025-3 to the agenda and award the bid to G. Meeks Construction. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion to add to the agenda and award the bid to G. Meeks Construction.

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

9. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Danny Holmes asked Maggie Watts to talk about Love Birds Creamery. Mrs. Watts thanked everyone for their business. Domino's just went through the final approval in the planning commission. It will be open by December. He also appreciates all the employees.

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

Jeanie Lee discussed the harvest festival. City Attorney Wade Blair communicated the courts had ruled the gambling machines in the gas stations illegal. Bob Lane discussed Anatolia and Portobello extensions being under construction. One Condo behind Shell has been sold. He also discussed the current homes for sale in Copper Farms Subdivision have all sold except two or three. City Engineer discussed the city needing to move water lines under the interstate on Elmore Town Road. He relayed to the Council that permits will need to be filed. Mayor Holmes said he will ask the county to help with the cost. Mr. Bennett also discussed the sewer rehab project is nearing completion in the next 30-60 days. The USDA wastewater treatment plant project should be done by December. The Ditty Road utility relocation will be funded by TDOT. Councilman Greg Phillips commended the employees for getting a lot done lately.

Councilman Jeff Herald asked to add to the agenda to have the Fire Chief's command vehicle stripped and marked City of Baxter. Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to add this item to the agenda. Councilman Greg Phillips seconded the motion. Councilman Willie Allison had left the meeting already.

Vote: Phillips – Yes, Stanton –No, Herald – Yes, Motion Carried

A motion to stripe and add City of Baxter to the Fire Command Vehicle was made by Councilman Jeff Herald. A second was made by Councilman Greg Phillips.

Vote: Phillips – Yes, Stanton –No, Herald – Yes, Motion Carried

11. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A representative from the Baxter's Moms Group discussed what the group entails.

Adjournment

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



Danny Holmes, Mayor