

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
December 4, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Matt White opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Eric Brown did the invocation.

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. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on November 6, 2025.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion with a second by Councilman Willie Allison 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 Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Greg Phillips.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

5. Purchase Orders: None

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Capital Outlay- Salt Storage Building

Councilmen Dustin Stanton made a motion to look at rates in January for a capital outlay note to construct a salt storage building. Councilman Greg Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

B. Proclamation for Recognizing the Service of Tennessee Tech University Computer Science Majors and TTU Instructor Eric Brown

Fire Chief Matt White awarded and read a proclamation thanking TTU students and instructor Eric Brown for creating a website for the Fire Department.

C. Change Order 2 Approval- WWTP Plant Improvements Project

This was stricken from the agenda.

D. Settlement And Release Agreement Double Springs

City Attorney Wade Blair discussed the mutual agreement to settle the lawsuit between the city and Double Springs Utility. Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the settlement and release agreement with Double Springs. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to second the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

8. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Holmes discussed Anatolia Cabinet and Mill Work and expects more growth in January. He thanked the board for all of the cooperation.

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

The council thanked all the employees and the Mayor and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilman Dustin Stanton discussed the negativity on Facebook and wished everyone would stop being so demeaning to the city employees. He also thanked Public Works Director John Ramsey for all his hard work and Mayor Danny Holmes thanked Councilman Stanton for helping the water department with a leak on Thanksgiving Day. Mayor Holmes said he could do not without City Recorder Sharon Carlile. Ms. Carlile thanked Mayor Holmes and said she enjoyed working for the Mayor and council.

All department heads said all has been going well and they also thanked the board. City Engineer Tom Bennett talked about all the grant money expended in Baxter on projects. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab Project should be completed in December. Also, there will be a preconstruction meeting with TDOT on the Ditty Road Project on January 6th.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

A citizen inquired about a big chain grocery store coming to Baxter and Mayor Holmes responded "anything is possible."

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon Carlile, City Recorder


Danny Holmes, Mayor