

**CITY OF BAXTER  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 5:00 P.M.**

**1. Mayor- Call to Order**

Mayor Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

City Recorder, Sharon Carlile, called roll. All Councilmen and the Mayor were present with the exception of Councilmen Greg Phillips.

**2. Business:**

Several citizens asked questions about the tax rate and the numbers of the budget. They also asked about projects planned for the city. The City Recorder answered questions asked and explained why the city needs to do the projects. And why a small tax rate increase is needed.

**A. Ordinance 2026-1- Adopting A Budget For The General And Special Revenue Funds And Tax Rate FY 2026-2027- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

After much discussion, Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to change the tax rate to the preliminary certified tax rate and to pass the budget from the first reading with no raises for part time and removal of extra raise given to Tommy Buford.

Councilman Willie Allison made a second to the motion.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

Councilman Willie Allison thanked the City Recorder, Sharon Carlile, for all her hard work on the budget and the department heads also.

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to give all part time employees the same increase as full time in the budget. Council Dustin Stanton made second to the motion.

Councilman Allison -Yes; Councilman Stanton- Yes; Councilman Herald- No. Motion passed.

Councilman Dustin Stanton discussed the part time deserving raises too and Mr. Tommy Buford, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. He commended Mr. Buford for his twenty-five years of service and his exemplary work ethic and work.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to include Mr. Tommy Buford's extra raise. Councilman Willie Allison made a second.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

**A. Ordinance 2026-2- Adopting A Budget For Water And Sewer Funds FY 2026-2027- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Councilman Jeff Herald made a motion to approve the second reading of the water and sewer budget for fiscal year 2026-2027. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

### **Adjournment**

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

All Ayes. Motion passed.