

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
July 9, 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 Seth Williams did the Invocation.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Board Meeting on June 4, 2026, Public Hearings on June 23rd, and July 1st and Special Called Meetings on June 23rd and July 1st, 2026.

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 Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Willie Allison.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

5. Purchase Orders: None

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Debt Report 2025 Series Capital Outlay Note

City Recorder Sharon Carlile read the debt report for the 2025 Series Capital Outlay Note. This note is for the city's portion of the SIA road currently due on Baxter Road. The term is ten years, semiannual payments, with an interest rate of 4.25%.

B. Debt Report Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds Issuance

City Recorder Sharon Carlile read the debt report for the 2025 Series Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds. The note carries an interest rate of 2.75% with a forty-year maturity.

8. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Danny Holmes said he appreciates former Mayor John Martin, Mrs. Susan Swartzentrover, Mr. Richard Waller, and all of the planning commission and employees. He read an email from Jeanie Lee concerning upcoming events. Mayor Holmes discussed the long hours Public Works Director, John Ramsey, and his crew work to try to restore or fix water issues. He wants everyone to understand the city doesn't start the leaks and please be considerate of the time and energy it takes to keep water going.

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

Public Works Director John Ramsey discussed the leaks and the problems they face in the Silver Point and Wolf Creek Communities. Mayor Danny Holmes asked everyone to keep Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Tommy Buford and Administrative Assistant Lorie Buford in their prayers after the loss of Mr. Buford's father. Councilman Dustin Stanton wanted all the employees to know he appreciates all the hard work. Councilman Jeff Herald thanked Public Works Director John Ramsey for all his hard work and that everyone should stay off Facebook making ugly comments. Mayor Holmes was glad to have Councilman Phillips back after being out last month. Councilman Greg Phillips discussed how much stress it puts on our employees when everyone is complaining during storm damage cleanup on Facebook. Mayor Holmes discussed how much the employees will miss Councilman Allison. Councilman Allison will miss everyone and appreciates all the employees. He discussed the water rates being fair and asked whoever gets his seat to please take care of the employees. Building Inspector Bob Lane discussed the new construction in progress in the city. The homes at Copper Hills are coming along and there are currently twelve homes under construction. He also finally got in contact with the lessor of the cell phone tower on Elm St and got it on a maintenance schedule to be mowed. Former Mayor John Martin gave an update on the new industry, Anatolia Cabinetry and Milling. The production will begin next week. And they will hold an open house and celebration in September. Fire Chief Matt White appreciates the council and Police Chief Al Reyes echoed his sentiments.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

No comments from citizens.

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