

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes
City Hall
March 5, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Al Reyes opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Brother Houston Jared led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jared also announced a 12,000-egg hunt at the City Park Saturday April 4th, 2026 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Police Chief Al Reyes recognized Lieutenant Brandon Herren for saving the life of Mr. Butch Nichols.

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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 February 5, 2026.

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion with a second by Councilman Dustin Stanton 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 Jeff Herald and seconded by Councilman Dustin.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

5. Purchase Orders: Police (1); Water (1)

A motion to add a purchase order and approve all purchase orders was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Willie Allison.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading:

A. Ordinance 2025-5- "Ordinance Of The Governing Body Of Baxter, Tennessee Amending The Baxter Zoning Ordinance To Amend The Front And Rear Setbacks In The R-3, Super High Density Zoning District Areas"

Ordinance 2025-5 was approved for the second reading with a motion by Councilman Jeff Herald. Councilman Greg Phillips made a second to the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Resolution 2025-21 “A Resolution to adopt the amended Baxter Growth Boundary

The Baxter Urban Growth Boundary Map was approved by a motion from Councilman Willie Allison and a second from Councilman Dustin Stanton.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

B. Generator Grant- Fire Chief Matt White

Fire Chief Matt White was unable to attend. Mayor Holmes asked City Recorder Sharon Carlile to explain. Ms. Carlile explained this was a grant we had applied for and been approved for a year ago. We now need to bid out the cost of the generators for City Hall, Visitor’s Center, the water tank on Ward Mill, and Baxter Water Department.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve bidding out the generators. Councilman Jeff Herald made a second to the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

C. Updated Municipal Codes Adoption Ordinance 2025-6

A motion by Councilman Greg Phillips was seconded by Councilman Willie Allison.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

8. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Holmes commented on the size of the crowd at the meeting.

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

Building Inspector Bob Lane discussed the housing in progress, the new cabinetry is close to being finished, and Love’s remodel which will close the store for 30 days. The Hive is coming along. City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab. Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Tommy Buford, is looking for a new sludge truck. The Wolf Creek project is coming to a close. The utility relocation, is beginning soon and TDOT has closed Ditty Road. Councilman Willie Allison wanted employees to know the council is sincere when they complement the employees. He was also very proud of Lieutenant Herren. Councilman Greg Phillips conveyed he is proud of all the employees. Councilman Jeff Herald is proud to be from Baxter and proud of the employees. Councilman Dustin Stanton thanked all employees. Mayor Holmes thanked all the girls in the offices at city hall and the water department.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

Ms. Chelsey Holland announced the musical coming up at Cornerstone.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Carlile

Sharon Carlile, City Recorder

D. Holmes

Danny Holmes, Mayor