

City of Baxter
Regular Meeting Minutes

City Hall

May 5, 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 Invocation.

Fire Chief Matt White issued awards for Firefighter of the Year for 2025, Volunteer Firefighter of Year, and the Chief's Award. The awards went to the following:

- Daniel Hillis- Firefighter of the Year
- Logan White- Volunteer Firefighter of Year
- Tonya Lee- Chief's Award

1. Call to Order

Mayor Danny Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of minutes from Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearings on April 2, 2026.

Councilman Jeff Herald 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 Willie Allison and seconded by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

5. Purchase Orders: None

6. Old Business- 2nd Reading: None

7. New Business- 1st Reading:

A. Resolution 2025-24- "A Resolution Of The Board of Mayor And Councilmen Of The City Of Baxter, Tennessee Amending The City of Baxter Fee Schedule"

Resolution 2025-24, amending the fee schedule was approved with a motion by Councilman Dustin Stanton and a second by Councilman Jeff Herald.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

B. Ordinance 2025-7- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The General And Special Revenue Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2025-2026”

The first reading of Ordinance 2025-7 passed with a motion by Councilman Willie Allison. A second was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

C. Ordinance 2025-8- “An Ordinance Amending The Annual Operating Budget Of The Water And Sewer Funds Of Baxter, Tennessee For Fiscal Year 2025-2026”

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-8. Councilman Willie Allison seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

D. Change Order 1 Wolf Creek Project

City Engineer Tom Bennett discussed the Wolf Creek Change Order 1 moving from \$637,000 to \$613,320.

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to approve the Mayor signing Wolf Creek Change Order 1. A second was made by Councilman Jeff Herald.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

E. Wastewater Sludge Truck

City Recorder Sharon Carlile discussed the purchase of the Wastewater Sludge Truck. The last vote had been to purchase using USDA loan funds. The City Recorder said after analyzing the purchase, the city should purchase using depreciation funds instead of financing it for forty years.

A motion to approve using depreciation funds for the purpose was made by Councilman Willie Allison. Councilman Dustin Stanton made a second to the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

8. Communications from Mayor Danny Holmes

Mayor Danny Holmes asked everyone to pray for Councilman Greg Phillips, who is in the hospital. The SIA road for Portobello is progressing well.

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

Building Inspector Bob Lane is hopeful Love's will reopen May 8th. He relayed four commercial properties, pool house, and Anatalia are under construction. Councilman Dustin Stanton discussed the complaints being posted on Facebook about the water department. He thanked John Ramsey and his crew for all of their hard work and asked the citizens to stop posting negativity. Councilman Dustin Stanton asked to make a motion to add to the agenda an item.

Councilman Willie Allison made a motion to add to the agenda to make Brent Clemons the Operator in Charge at the water department. Councilman Dustin Stanton seconded the motion.

A motion to make Mr. Clemons the field supervisor and use his state license for the water department was made by Councilman Dustin Stanton and seconded by Councilman Jeff Herald.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

Police Chief Al Reyes wanted everyone to know Councilman Phillips is on the mend but he doesn't look or sound good. Mayor Holmes complimented the police department and chief and the fire department and chief on

doing a good job. Councilman Allison thanked all employees. Mayor Holmes discussed the abuse the water department takes daily. He also commented he could not do his job without the girls at City Hall. Councilman Jeff Herald asked how many miles the water lines are in the Baxter district. Public Works Director John Ramsey replied from Baxter to Chestnut Mound is fifteen miles alone. Councilman Jeff Herald thanked all employees and the City Recorder and her crew.

10. Comments and Grievances from Citizens

No comments from citizens.

Adjournment

Councilman Dustin Stanton made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jeff Herald seconded the motion.

Vote: All Ayes Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Carlile, City Recorder



Danny Holmes, Mayor