A special meeting of the Baxter City Council was called to order on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 5:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Pro-Tem Josh Meckley. Council members present were Josh Lokenvitz, Josh Meckley, Tootie Samson, Jason Robinson, and Dan Kunkel. Mayor DeJong was absent.

Lokenvitz moved to approve the Agenda. Samson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Public Hearing; Planning & Zoning Commission Recommendation on Rezoning Request Application for Property Located at 407 S East Ave, Dwight & Randi Gliem, Currently Owned by the City of Baxter, Parcel 02.14.400.009, From R-2 Multiple Family Residential District to C-1 Central Business District (Commercial) for the purpose of establishing a sports facility for area youth - Samson made a motion to open the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. Robinson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kunkel, Robinson, Samson, Meckley, Lokenvitz. Nays; None. Absent; DeJong. Meckley called for public comments. Stephen Van Beek, representing BEDCO, approached Gliems about the possibility of deeding 100 feet of the nursing home property to BEDCO for the development of an additional residential lot. Gliems stated the two parties could potentially discuss this after the purchase is complete with the city. Meckley called for a motion to close the public hearing at 5:37 p.m. Lokenvitz so moved. Samson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kunkel, Robinson, Samson, Meckley, Lokenvitz. Nays; None. Absent; DeJong.

Council Action on 407 S East Ave Rezone Request – Lokenvitz moved to approve the rezone request to C-1. Samson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Review/Approval – Formal Purchase Agreement to Sell Nursing Home Property; 407 S East Ave. – An amended draft was reviewed. Samson moved to approve. Lokenvitz seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fee Schedule – Discussion held over modifications to the city’s fee schedule. Clerk will add employee hourly rates to the data. Council will review again at 11-13 meeting.

Approval of Contract/Purchase – Omnigo Inc. Records Management System for Baxter Police Department – Chief Daggett presented information on the cloud-based RMS selected from his request for proposals. The RMS will be paid out of the police equipment fund. Samson moved to approve. Robinson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Public Comments – Doug Bishop addressed the council on several topics including utility easements for the Huey helicopter, ARPA funds, budget training, and the EMS essential service tax levy. Lengthy discussion held among citizens over EMS levy information advertised for the Nov. 7th election. Citizens are highly encouraged to attend the informational EMS meeting on Wed. Nov. 1st at 6pm in the community center to become informed before voting on Nov. 7th.

Samson moved to adjourn. Kunkel seconded. Motion carried, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Josh Meckley

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Katie Wilson, City Clerk