The regular meeting of the Baxter City Council was called to order on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Bryan DeJong. Council members present were Josh Lokenvitz, Josh Meckley, Tootie Samson, Jason Robinson, and Dan Kunkel remotely.

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

Maintenance Report – Updates – None. Public Works Director Bryce Halter not in attendance.

Police Report – Chief Bill Daggett was in attendance to provide a brief update.

ORDINANCE NO. 617; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAXTER BY ADDING SECTION 1350 – TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS - Meckley moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 617. Lokenvitz seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; Lokenvitz, Meckley, Samson, Robinson, Kunkel. Nays; None. Lokenvitz moved to waive the second and third readings. Robinson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; Lokenvitz, Meckley, Samson, Robinson, Kunkel. Nays; None. Meckley moved to approve on the final reading. Lokenvitz seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes; Lokenvitz, Meckley, Samson, Robinson, Kunkel. Nays; None. Ordinance #617 adopted.

Approval of Hiring – Utility Clerk/Office Assistant – Samson moved to approve the hiring of Erin Suttek for the position. Lokenvitz seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Approval of Employment Agreement – Utility Clerk/Office Assistant Position – Meckley moved to approve. Lokenvitz seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Garbage/Recycling Rates – Upon completion of discussion, council determined to implement 3% increase beginning January 1, 2023 to align with contractor’s rate increase. Meckley moved to approve 3% garbage/recycling rate increase beginning January 1, 2023. Robinson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Consent Agenda - none

Bills Payable – Lokenvitz moved to approve. Meckley seconded. Motion carried, all ayes.

Mayor’s Report – none

Other Business – Chief Bill Daggett introduced Ronnie Clark, new Police reserve applicant. Formal approval for hire will be on next agenda. Discussion was held regarding salary increases for upcoming fiscal year to determine levy. Upon completion of discussion, council determined to use December 2022 Midwest CPI rate.

Public Comments – none

Meckley moved to adjourn. Robinson seconded. Motion carried, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.

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Mayor Bryan DeJong

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Katie Mills, City Clerk