



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Bonifay City Hall Council Meeting Room – 301 J Harvey Etheridge St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Shelley Carroll
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

Also present

Director of Finance Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, City Attorney Jon Holloway by phone, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook

A. Invocation

Council Member Eddie Dixon gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Eddie Dixon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. August 4th, 2025

Motion made to approve the minutes of August 4, 2025 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

IV. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / TRANSFERS / FINANCIAL SHEETS TO REVIEW

Motion made to approve Accounts Payable, Transfers and Financial Sheets by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

V. VISITORS – PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE COUNCIL

NON- AGENDA AUDIENCE Effective October 1, 2013, Florida Statute 286.0114 mandates that “members of the public shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a proposition before a Board or Commission.” Each individual shall have three (3) minutes to speak on the proposition before the board. **THIS IS NOT A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.** It is NOT a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations and derogatory remarks to/about city personnel. Those who wish to speak are reminded to observe proper decorum, and to avoid the use of profane or vulgar language. If you would like to address the City Council please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Richard Willsey addressed benches being placed in the cemetery. Willsey stated he had talked to several Cemetery Committee members and the Ordinance was meant to address wooden benches. Willsey requested the Council amend the ordinance to state wooden benches only, not marble, granite, or cement.

A. Bonifay Kiwanis Club - Rodeo

Miranda Hudson, with Bonifay Kiwanis Club, informed the Council Members that the 5K Bullrun will be held on September 27th. They would like to use Nebraska Avenue, and requested police presence and the Council's approval.

Motion made to approve Bullrun and use of Nebraska Avenue by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

Catrina Carroll, with Bonifay Kiwanis Club, presented the road closure permit for the rodeo parade to the Council Members for approval.

Motion made to approve rodeo parade permit by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

Sandy Spear, with Bonifay Kiwanis Club, gave the Council Members an update on the property exchange. City Attorney Holloway is working on the documents & resolution. They are still waiting on the School Board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. City Cemetery Bench Request

Angela Willsey came before the Council Members seeking approval of placing permanent bench, and requested the Cemetery Ordinance be amended.

Mayor Cook suggested getting with the Cemetery Committee before changing the ordinance.

Council Member Crews asked the City Attorney what would the process be.

Attorney Holloway stated to bring back a revision of the ordinance, have two readings, and then voted on.

Motion made to revise the ordinance and have two public readings after meeting with the Cemetery Committee by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay Fire-Rescue Purchase Request 1 - Chief Cook

Motion made to approve proposal for prep work on the Fire Department floors in the amount of \$13,604.00 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

B. Bonifay Fire-Rescue Purchase Request 2 - Chief Cook

Motion made to approve the proposal for epoxy coating on the Fire Department floors in the amount of \$30,576.00 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

B. Department Updates

Bonifay Police Department Presentation - Chief Whitaker

Police Chief Whitaker announced Officer Jasley Medley was the employee of the quarter and presented her with a Law Enforcement Hall of Fame with Life Saving Award.

Finance Director Tracy Walker stated the the final hearings for the Ad Valorem Tax and Budget will be announced September 2nd or September 8th.

C. Employee of the Quarter (Q2) Recognition - Chief Whitaker

X. ADJOURN

Motion made for meeting to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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