



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Midtown Plaza, 401 McLaughlin Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor James Sellers called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

##### PRESENT

Council Member James Sellers  
Council Member Shelley Carroll  
Council Member Rick Crews  
Council Member Eddie Dixon

##### ABSENT

Mayor Larry Cook - death in family

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Trey Barbee, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Police Chief Johnny Whitaker

##### A. Invocation

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith gave invocation.

##### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

#### **A. January 29th Regular Session Minutes**

Motion made to approve the minutes of January 29, 2024 with the amendment showing Council Member Dixon joined the meeting between Items VII and VIII and did not vote to approve the agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

Voting Yea: 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 Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: 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/or 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, state your name and address for the record

Richard Willsey addressed the following issues:

Council Members to speak louder, post meetings at City Hall, change seating arrangements, body cam records, and election packets.

Rosalie McClain asked for all of the meetings to be at 6:00 pm.

Vice-Mayor Sellers stated that the meeting times were changed so that the people who could not come to meetings at night, would be able to come to the morning meetings.

Samantha Perry said that selectively answering questions was inappropriate.

### **VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

A. Mott MacDonald- Amir

Amir Zafar, with Mott MacDonald, gave several updates to the Council Members.

Zafar said the SRF application for \$1.47 million was submitted, the grant for lead line replacement is in the process, and the grant to update lift stations will move forward in 30 days.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Water & Sewer Rates- First Reading Ordinance 439

Motion made to approve first reading of Water & Sewer Rates Ordinance 439 by roll call vote by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Request to Abandon Alley - Susie Cloud Mabijs, Trustee Susie Cloud Mabijs Trustee of Susie Cloud Mabijs Revocable Trust

City Clerk Callahan stated it was for the block between E. Iowa and E. Kansas Avenues. If we abandon this alley, Ms. Mabijs would get the whole alley for her property on the northeast side and 1/2 of the alley for her property on the southeast side. The other property owners would get the other 1/2.

Council members agreed to move forward with this request, and City Attorney Holloway will draw up the resolution.

B. Parks and Recreation- New Net and Vandalism

Executive Assistant Smith stated that last week Public Works Director Barbee and this crew installed new nets at the tennis courts, and the police department will continue to patrol the parks closely.

C. LOGT Street Priorities

Public Works Director provided the Council Members with a re-paving/paving priority list and asked for their input.

**IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

None.

## B. Department Updates

- Police Department Month of January
- Fire Department Month of January

The Police Department for the month of January had 865 calls.

The Fire Department for the month of January had 65 calls.

## C. Employee Spotlight

Executive Assistant Smith introduced Captain Zach Sellers, and said he is an exceptional leader for the Fire Department.

## X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

Vice-Mayor Sellers declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.

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