



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Shelley Carroll

ABSENT

Council Member Rick Crews

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, Police Chief Johnny Whitaker, City Superintendent Trey Barbee, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, and WWTP Operator Shawn Canady

A. Invocation

City Clerk Rickey Callahan gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Rickey Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

- A. 09-05-23 Emergency Session
- B. 09-18-2023 Special Session
- C. 09-25-2023 Regular Session
- D. 09-25-2023 Special Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of 09-05-23 Emergency Session, 09-18-23 Special Session, 09-25-23 Special Session, and 09-25-213 Regular Session by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

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

None to approve.

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.

Tammy Sullivan requested information on the 79 Corridor Project.

Mayor Cook stated that there is a lot of interest, in addition to the Busy Bee.

City Clerk Callahan stated that the water and sewer project was completed.

Richard Willsey questioned nepotism and asked for the Mayor to resign for several reasons.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

- A. City Planner

No updates.

- B. Mott MacDonald

No updates.

- C. DHM Melvin Engineering

No updates.

- D. Dewberry

No updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Capital Improvements Plan Ordinance- Council approved by way of resolution, Attorney Jordan advised that it must be approved by way of ordinance.

Attorney Jordan will bring the ordinance to the next Regular Session meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Department of Transportation Sidewalk Resolution

Executive Assistant Smith stated that the sidewalk project had been approved, and they also found nearly 1/2 million dollars to finish out the funding for that project.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2023-2370 by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

- B. Time Limit for Citizens on the Agenda

Mayor Cook requested a motion to limit speaking time to 10 minutes on agenda items.

Motion made to limit speaking time to 10 minutes on agenda items by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

- A. Personnel Updates

No updates.

- B. Department Updates

Executive Assistant Smith stated she is working on an application for energy efficient lighting grant for Middlebrooks Park. She also presented two projects that go along with the Capital Improvements Plan.

Police Chief Whitaker said he would like to move Michael Antunovic from full-time to part-time position, and Jason Evans from part-time to a full-time position.

- C. Employee Spotlight

Mayor Cook stated the rodeo was a huge success due to the City employees. The Kiwanis Club was very receptive of all the help of the City.

Mayor Cook said there was a contest between Holmes County EMS, the Sheriff's Office, Bonifay Fire Department, and Bonifay Police Department. Our police department, lead by Chief Johnny Whitaker, won the contest, and visitors to the pancake breakfast nearly doubled this year.

X. ADJOURN

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

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

Mayor Cook adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.

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