



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

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

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

##### **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, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, Fire Chief Travis Cook, Director of Public Works Aaron Taylor, and Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry

##### **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 Sellers.

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

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

#### **A. June 2nd, 2025**

Motion made to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025 by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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

Mayor Cook asked the Florida High School Coach of the Year, Jeremy Powell, to come forward.

Coach Powell recognized each of Holmes County High School's baseball members as the State Champions.

### **VI. 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, state your name and address for the record

#### **A. Mr. Pennington - Road Clean Up**

Coy Pennington, Troop Master for Trailways USA Troop 126, along with Roland Stone, stated they were here to inform the Council Members that their troop has adopted, through Florida Department of Transportation, Highway 79 from the Exxon north of town, south, to just shy of Interstate 10. They will conduct a trash pickup four times a year with the first on being held on June 29th from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. FDOT will provide trash bags, trash picker uppers, and reflective vests. Signs will be placed along the roadway announcing this project. They are trying to instill a sense of community service in our youth.

#### **B. Mr. Phong Vo - Bill Adjustment**

Mayor Cook and Public Works Director Taylor will meet with Mr. Vo on site tomorrow.

## **VII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. City of Bonifay & Board of County Commissioners Discussion**

Mayor Cook told the Council Members that he has been in discussion with Holmes County Board of County Commissioners about the old sheriff's department building and possibly removing it and making a parking lot. He has talked to past Sheriffs about it and they are for it. We have some income coming in from tap & impact fees for the new ag center building. He would like the Council to consider trading this money for that property, which will include where the Police Department is located now. We will search for funding to tear the old building down and build a parking lot.

Motion made to approve purchasing property for the amount of the tap & impact fees that the County pays 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

### **B. Water System of W. Bailey**

Mayor Cook informed the Council Members that Warren Bailey has a water system on Griffith Circle that he would like to turn over to the City and give us the right-of-way to that system. The system is 10 years old and has never been used. The Public Works Department has flushed the lines and taken water samples. As Mr. Bailey sells lots in that subdivision, the City would receive the tap & impact fees. We need the Council's approval to let City Attorney Holloway and Mr. Bailey work on the agreement.

Motion made to approve working on an agreement 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

## **X. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

### **A. Council Updates**

### **B. Department Updates**

Public Works Director Taylor requested to place an employment ad for someone with a CDL license.

Motion made to approve employment advertisement 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

Police Chief Whitaker announced that the Police Department will have a vacancy beginning June 19th.

Chief Whitaker stated that Officer Jasley Medley and Sargent Bo Smith were at Castaways Restaurant, when Officer Medley noticed a woman having difficulty breathing. Officer Medley preformed the Heimlich maneuver and dislodged the object, allowing the woman to breath normally.

C. Employee Spotlight

## **XI. 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 6:27 pm.

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