



## **MINUTES**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 03, 2024 at 9:00 AM**

**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 9:00 am.

##### **PRESENT**

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

##### **ABSENT**

Council Member James Sellers

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, 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 Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

#### **A. Approve Minutes of Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2024-05 and Ordinance No. 2024-06**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on May 20, 2024, after correcting start time to 5:30 pm, by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

#### **B. Approve Minutes of Regular Session May 20, 2024**

Motion made to approve the minutes of the Regular Session on May 20, 2024 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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 Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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, state your name and address for the record

Debbie Manmiller, 501 French Road, thanked the Bonifay Fire Department for responding to the two fires on East Michigan Avenue. She also advised the Council that the two mobile homes that are abandoned need to be cleaned up by the owners.

Richard Willsey complained about an unmarked City police vehicle he followed breaking traffic laws.

Stated he appreciated the meeting room setup and appreciates people speaking loudly and clearly.

Stated he sees an ordinance on the agenda and wants to know who will enforce it. He stated the ordinance is moot since there is no one to enforce it.

Willsey addressed the Mayor, stating "It really must suck living in the back of that tire shop while your wife lives in that new house," then stated "You don't live in the tire shop."

## **VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

No updates.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Holmes County Health Department SWAT**

James Lewis and Sherry Morris brought two SWAT students to the meeting to ask the Council to adopt a tobacco-free ordinance for City parks.

Sophia Fallis and Cyluas Bausby spoke about the effects and dangers of tobacco use.

### **B. Ordinance 435 - Tobacco Free Parks**

City Clerk Rickey Callahan read the first reading of Ordinance 435.

Motion made to approve first reading of Ordinance 435 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

Motion made to approve setting Public Hearing, second reading, and adoption of Ordinance 435 for June 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

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

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

### **A. Council Updates**

No updates.

### **B. Department Updates**

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith spoke about the support that the Holmes County Health Department has given to the City, especially the shade sails, benches, and learning trails, which has helped the City to make improvements at Middlebrooks Park and at Etta White Hudson Park.

Police Chief Whitaker advised there is a site plan for the Bonifay Police Department, to provide fiber connection to the office to access FDLE.

City Clerk Rickey Callahan advised the Council that the crew was back working on the City Hall renovation. They are currently putting up insulation, sheetrock will be delivered within a week, and installed and finished. They will begin in about two weeks.

Mayor Cook spoke about code enforcement, and stated that he can assure each of you that Chief Whitaker will take care of anyone smoking in the parks.

#### C. Employee Spotlight

No updates.

### **X. ADJOURN**

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

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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

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