



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Bonifay City Hall Council Meeting Room – 301 J Harvey Etheridge St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member James Sellers

Also Present: Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, City Clerk Jessie Chaney, Finance Director Tracy Walker, Fire Chief Travis Cook

A. Invocation

Led by Reverend Ryan Martin

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Reverend Ryan Martin

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. July 6th, 2026 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made 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.

Motion made by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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/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

Stephanie Newcomb, a candidate for Seat 1, introduced herself.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Works Vehicle Purchase

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith requesting \$24,000.00 for a vehicle purchase with warranty for the Public Works department. In addition, requesting an additional amount of \$10,000 to outfit the truck with necessary accessories.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Task Order for SSO Grant

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented the Task Order for the approved Sanitary Sewer Overflow Mitigation Grant. Mayor Cook stated that this was a testament to Mathew Perry, Waste Water Treatment Facility Operator, and how he stays ahead of the curve for the City.

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

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

None

B. Department Updates

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith informed the board that the local pee-wee football team volunteered to clean the inside of the recreational center. They were donated supplies and paint to cover up all the vandalism inside. Both Mayor Cook and Executive Assistant Sierra Smith voiced their sincere appreciation for all the hard work the football team put into the recreational center.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith advised everyone that Representative Shane Abbott will be holding a question-and-answer forum concerning the Property Tax Amendment on August 24, 2026.

Mayor Cook reminded everyone that the Women's Club was hosting a "Meet the Candidates" on Thursday, July 23, 2006.

C. Employee Spotlight

Bonifay Fire-Rescue

Fire Chief Travis Cook wanted to spotlight employee Todd Tanner. Mr. Tanner has 29 years of experience and has brought his experience with drones to the City.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn at 6:13 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

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