



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 1ST PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE AD VALOREM & BUDGET

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2025 at 5:01 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the first Public Hearing for Tentative Ad Valorem and Budget to order at 5:03 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Rick Crews

ABSENT

Council Member Shelley Carroll
Council Member Eddie Dixon

Also present

Finance Director Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, City Attorney Holloway by phone, Lt. Chelsey Castro, 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 Crews

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Richard Wilsey, Happy Hollow Road, stated that the rules for Public Hearings are different from those for Public Meetings. The public can not make an educated question when they have not been provided a copy of the budget.

IV. RESOLUTION 2025-08

Mayor Cook opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public.

Richard Willsey stated 3.5 was too much. Angela Willsey addressed the benches at the cemetery.

Mayor Cook closed the Public Hearing and opened the Special Session.

A. TENTATIVE AD VALOREM TAXES

Director of Finance Tracy Walker read the heading of Resolution 2025-08.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE LEVY OF MILLAGE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BONIFAY'S FISCAL YEAR 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2025-08 for the tentative Ad Valorem taxes at 3.5000 mills for fiscal year 2026 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

Mayor Cook announced the final Ad Valorem hearing will be held on September 23, 2025 at 5:01 pm.

V. RESOLUTION 2025-09

Mayor Cook opened the Public Hearing for comments from the public.

No comments from the public.

Mayor Cook closed the Public Hearing and opened the Special Session.

A. TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Cook entertained a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-09 tentative budget for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$16,874,699.75

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2025-09 for the tentative budget for fiscal year 2026 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

Mayor Cook announced the final Budget Hearing will be held on September 23, 2025 at 5:01 pm.

VI. 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 Crews

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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