MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Shelley Carroll
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT
Mayor Larry Cook

Also present: Finance Director Tracy Walker; City Clerk Jessie Chaney; Bonifay Police Lieutenant Chelsea Castro; Bonifay Fire Chief Travis Cook; Executive Assistant Sierra Smith; Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Matthew Perry

Present via phone: Attorney John Holloway

A. Invocation

Led by Council member Eddie Dixon

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Council member Eddie Dixon

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. September 25th, 2026 Final Budget Hearing

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

B. October 5th,2026 Regular Session

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

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

Motion made by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, 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

Richard Willsey, a non-resident of Happy Hollow, asked why the meeting minutes did not include an incident that occurred after the meeting. He asked what action the City intended to take regarding the incident. Vice Mayor Sellers stated that the incident was under investigation and advised Mr. Willsey to follow up with the State Attorney's Office.

Mr. Willsey also questioned why non certified individuals were receiving stipends from Bonifay Fire Department. Chief Cook stated that all members of the fire department, with the exception of Mayor Cook, received stipends. Mr. Willsey expressed his belief that someone driving around town using emergency lights and sirens solely to take photographs should not receive a stipend. Chief Cook stated that no complaint had been made directly to him and that he would investigate if Mr. Willsey provided dates and times of the alleged incidents.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant

Fire Chief Travis Cook presented the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant awarded to the Bonifay Fire Department by the State Fire Marshal. The grant award totals $8,721.33 and requires a City match of $2,180.33. Chief Cook requested a motion to approve acceptance of the grant and the required City match.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Ardurra - Amir Zafar

Resolution 2026-14

Resolution 2026-15

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented Resolutions 2026-14 and 2026-15, both of which were read by City Clerk Jessie Chaney. The resolutions concern the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program discussed by Amir Zafar with Ardurra at the previous Council meeting and would allow the City to proceed with the program.

Resolution 2026-14

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

Resolution 2026-15

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll. Voting Yea: Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

Vice Mayor Sellers reminded the public that Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and that Election Day is November 3, 2026.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith thanked all City employees for their efforts during the recent storm. She reported that the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department collectively received more than 100 calls within the first 24 hours. She also thanked Council members for checking on employees and residents and for assisting the community.

B. Department Updates

C. Employee Spotlight

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

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

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