



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, MARCH 04, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Midtown Plaza, 401 McLaughlin Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

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

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Police Chief Johnny Whitaker, Director of Public Works Trey Barbee, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, and Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

A. Invocation

City Clerk Callahan gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Adopt Amended Resolution 2024-005

Moved to New Business Item C.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Executive Assistant Smith corrected the Ordinance number under new business, Item B, to 440.

Motion made to approve agenda with amendments 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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. February 20th, 2024 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve February 20, 2024 minutes by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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 Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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 spoke to the Council about purchases being made outside the procurement policy.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Melvin Engineering

Not present.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Confirmation of Planning and Zoning Board

Bob Davis -City Resident and Business Owner

Stephanie Cloud - Business Owner

Betty Slay - City Resident and Business Owner

Sheryl Johnson - City Resident

Kate Bush - Business Owner

Motion made to approve the Planning and Zoning Board 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

B. Ordinance 439- Comprehensive Plan Changes

Motion made to approve introduction of Ordinance 440 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

City Attorney Holloway called for an amended motion for Ordinance 440 to be read by title and to take a roll call vote.

City Clerk Callahan read the title of Ordinance 440.

Motion made to amend motion to a first reading and approval by roll call vote 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

C. Amended Resolution 2024-005

City Clerk Callahan read Resolution 2024-005 by title.

Motion made to approve amended Resolution 2024-0005 by roll call vote by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kiwanis Club Land Agreement

Shanley Hatfield, Kiwanis Club President, introduced himself and Sandy Spear.

Sandy Spear said the Kiwanis Club was requesting the City of Bonifay to do a land swap to give Kiwanis ownership of Memorial Field. The purpose of this is for the Kiwanis Club to obtain a loan to build a pavilion, to increase seating, over the bucking shoots on the south end of the field.

The City would receive 1.17 acre on Depot Street that joins Veterans Memorial Park on the northwest corner.

Council Members voiced concerns over school use and the field being plowed up, stating these issues need to be addressed in the contract.

City Attorney Holloway will work with the school board and Kiwanis to prepare a written contract. Council Members will send their input to Executive Assistant Smith.

B. Police Department- Body Camera Grant

Motion made to approve moving forward with a 50% match SRT Micro Grant for 10 police body cameras 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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

No updates.

B. Department Updates

-Police Department February Recap

-Fire Department February Recap

The Police Department had 684 calls, and the Fire Department had 56 calls.

C. Employee Spotlight

Mayor Cook spotlighted Matt Perry for filling in for Public Works Director Barbee for water and sewer issues.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made 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 10:01 am.

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