



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION-

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Bonifay City Hall Council Meeting Room – 401 McLaughlin Ave

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Arron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Invocation

City Clerk Rickey Callahan gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Rickey Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. June 3rd, 2024 Regular Session Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of June 3, 2024 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

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 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/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 addressed the council asking if the council or city employees have falsified documents, he asked about meeting notices, he asked what protections citizens have under 1st amendment rights, and spoke of novelistic writings for the police department.

Edna Feurtado, a local resident, asked about just having water turned on at 611 S. Oklahoma Street to water her garden.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

Executive Assistant Smith stated Melvin Engineering is nearing 60% completion mark of the storm water park, and expect to hold the ground breaking the first of the year.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 24-30

City Clerk Callahan read the heading of Resolution 24-30.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE CONVEYANCE

OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY TO KIWANIS CLUB

Motion made to adopt resolution 24-30 by roll call vote 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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 24-25

City Clerk Callahan read the heading of Resolution 24-25.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE PURSUANT TO COMPLETION OF THE RESURFACING, RESTORATION AND REHABILITATION PROJECT OF STATE ROAD (SR) 10 (US 90) FROM EAST OF BANFILL AVENUE TO EAST OF HUBBARD STREET. - (FPID NUMBER 436269-2-52-01)

Motion made to adopt Resolution 24-25 by roll call vote 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. Authorize Mayor to issue RFP for design services regarding WWTP improvements

Motion made to approve authorizing Mayor Cook to issue RFP for design services regarding WWTP improvements 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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

Mayor Cook introduced Aaron Taylor, the new Public Works Director.

B. Department Updates

Executive Assistant Smith announced the Patriotic Celebration, with fireworks, to be held on July 7th.

City Clerk Callahan updated the Council on the City Hall renovations.

Mayor Cook announced that Executive Assistant Smith had the red light at 79 and Pennsylvania Avenue fixed so that eastbound and westbound traffic won't have to wait as long for a green light.

City Attorney Holloway advised the Council that there would be a demand for attorney fees on the Mayor Cook ethics case at the next Council meeting. A complaint was filed by a citizen against Mayor Cook and after the investigation was completed, no probable cause was found. He also stated that the City is legally responsible for Mayor Cook's legal fees.

Attorney Holloway stated that this case is one where citizens taking malicious actions costs the City money.

C. Employee Spotlight

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 6:14 pm.

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