



MINUTES

TENATIVE BUDGET HEARING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2026 at 5:01 PM

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

I. Call to Order

at 5:01 P.M.

PRESENT

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

Also present: Finance Director Tracy Walker; City Clerk Jessie Chaney; Executive Assistant Sierra Smith; Public Works Director Aaron Taylor; Waste Water Treatment Facility Operator Matthew Perry

A. Invocation

led by Public Works Director, Aaron Taylor

B. Pledge of Allegiance

led by Public Works Director, Aaron Taylor

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made 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. 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.

Ms. Mary Beth Thompson, Executive Director of Holmes County Chamber of Commerce, introduced herself to the Council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2027 Tentative Budget

Finance Director Tracy Walker, presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget. Councilmember Rick Crews asked for a copy of the mosquito control contract with Holmes County as well as the contract for lawn care with the Holmes County Sheriff's Department. City Clerk Jessie Chaney, advised Mr. Crews that she would have those emailed over to him by the end of business day Friday, September 4th, 2026.

Jessie Chaney, City Clerk, read the Resolution 2026-10 and Resolution 2026-11.

Jason Powell, resident, asked if we would be keeping the millage rate at 3.5. Finance Director Tracy Walker, responded with yes. Mr. Powell told Mayor Cook that Mr. Corbin from Holmes County had reached out to him. Mayor Cook stated Mr. Corbin had not reached out to him or his staff today. Mr. Powell stated that he was told by a County Commissioner that Holmes County would be cutting the annual \$10,000.00 given to City of Bonifay for street repairs out of their budget. Mayor Cook stated he has not been informed of this decision.

Motion made 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

V. ADJOURN

at 5:12 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Crews.

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