



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

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

Also present Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, City Clerk Jessie Chaney, Finance Director Tracy Walker, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Lt. Chelsey Castro Bonifay Police Department, Chief Landon Messer Bonifay fire Department

A. Invocation

Led by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda

Motion made 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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. August 3rd, 2026 Regular Session

Motion was made to approve minutes

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

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

Motion made 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

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 complained about how the Bonifay Police Department purchasing another vehicle and wanted to know how the City is affording the insurance. He also stated that he was ready to see how the budget would be cut per orders of Governor. Mr. Willsey laid a public record request form on council desk.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay's Kiwanis Rodeo Parade State Road Closure Application

City Clerk Jessie Chaney presented State Road Closure application and route maps for the Bonifay's Kiwanis Club in reference to the annual rodeo parade. Kiwanis Club is seeking approval from council to move forward with road closures.

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

B. Bonifay Fire Rescue Purchase Request

Chief Landis Messer presented purchase request for bunker gear and other equipment for Bonifay Fire Department. The gear and other items would be the same as what is currently used, ensuring compatibility and uniformity. The purchase of \$19,289.96 is within the budget.

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

C. Audit Presentation by Carr, Riggs and Ingram - Tyler Dunaway

Tyler Dunaway from Carr, Riggs, and Ingram presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025.

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

None

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

City Clerk Jessie Chaney advised the council that this year's Trick or Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2026. Tentatively 5-8 p.m.

B. Department Updates

None

C. Employee Spotlight

None

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn meeting @ 6:19 p. m.

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

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