



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 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 - present by phone

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Public Works Aaron 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 agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2024 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of October 21, 2024 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

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 Carroll.

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

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 regarding the stormwater retention area, west of Middlebrooks park, with the gates being open and the ponds over grown.

City Clerk Callahan announced that this has been turned over to Melvin Engineering.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Downtown Stormwater Park Presentation

John Udochi, with Melvin Engineering, made a stormwater park presentation to the Council Members. Ads for bids have been sent out, and there is a 2 million dollar budget.

B. Melvin Engineering- Downtown Stormwater Park Amendment

Motion made to approve Mayor Cook to sign Downtown Stormwater Park Amendment by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Dewberry Settlement Agreement

City Attorney Holloway stated that the City terminated Dewberry on two contracts due to their performance. In the agreement, Dewberry will reimburse the City \$75,000.

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

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

B. Weeks Street Grant Agreement

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith advised this grant agreement was sent by FDOT regarding the awarded State Appropriation for repaving and cleaning out ditches on Weeks Street.

Motion made to approve grant agreement by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

C. Resolution 2024-45 Weeks Street

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2024-25 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Council Member Crews asked for a Kiwanis Club update. Mayor Cook requested City Attorney Holloway to reach out to Sandy Spear to get this wrapped up by the first of the year.

Motion made to approve City Attorney Holloway to reach out to the Kiwanis Club by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

B. Department Updates

Chief of Police Whitaker gave an update on the robbery case and double homicide case.

C. Employee Spotlight

Executive Assistant Smith informed the Council that she witnessed how professional and detailed our Chief and Police Department were with the incident that occurred on McLaughlin Avenue.

Executive Assistant Smith also stated that Trick or Treat went very well.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made for meeting to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting to adjourn at 9:19 am.

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