



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, APRIL 07, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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

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 – *by phone*, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, Police Chief 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 Sellers.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. March 12th, 2025 Special Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of March 12, 2025 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

B. March 17th, 2025 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of March 17, 2025 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

C. March 24th, 2025 Special Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of March 24, 2025 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

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 Dixon.

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

Public visitor Richard Willsey, addressed the Council about the new sound system in the Council Room. He next addressed the Council regarding the residence of the Mayor, and he also addressed the Council concerning permitting for temporary and permanent vendors in the City.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Melvin Engineering- Work Authorization for Etheridge Street Phase I & II

Motion made to approve work authorization for Melvin Engineering on Etheridge Street Phase I & II 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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2nd Public Hearing and approval - Proposed Minor Development Order Bonifay Mobile Home Park

City Clerk Callahan presented the request of Proposed Minor Development Order for the Bonifay Mobile Home Park.

Mayor Cook opened the Public Hearing. No comments were made. Mayor Cook closed Public Hearing.

Motion made to approve the 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. City Hall Parking Lot Paving

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith gave a summary of the City Hall parking lot paving project, and asked to advertise for bids.

Motion made to approve advertising for bids 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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith gave update on Liberty Partners Rec Center Grant.

Council Member Crews asked Mayor Cook to check with the railroad regarding railroad crossings needing improvements.

B. Department Updates

Mayor Cook commended Aaron Taylor & Staff for their work with the Down Home Street Festival.

City Clerk Callahan advised the Mayor and Council that there was a decision made to use wireless microphones instead of wired microphone, and they should be in by the end of the week.

C. Employee Spotlight

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, Council Member Dixon

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.

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