



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Finance/HR Tracy Walker, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook

A. Invocation

Vice-Mayor James Sellers gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Mayor James Sellers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda 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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. Decemeber 1st, 2025

Motion made to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025 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

IV. 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 and state your name and address for the record.

Richard Willsey asked Mayor Cook if he had reviewed the case file from the non-federal circuit court on first amendment rights. It says a member of the public can not be removed from a meeting for making a verbal comment. Physical disruptions are what constitutes removal from a public meeting. "I am sure my attorney will be in touch with you about it."

V. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Stormwater Park Closeout Documents

Motion made to approve Stormwater Park Closeout 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. Southside Drainage Biweekly Update

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated that the closeout for the Southside Drainage Project is anticipated in January.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rec Center Agreement Melvin Engineering

Motion made to approve Rec Center Agreement with Melvin Engineering 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. Rec Center Agreement Jon Holloway

Motion made to approve Rec Center Agreement with Jon Holloway 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. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2025-12 SB 784

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2025-12 SB 784, and approved by roll call vote, 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. Vulnerability Assessment Grant

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith informed the Council Members that she was requesting approval to apply for a \$180,000 Vulnerability Assessment Grant. It will assist the City in future requests from FEMA, and other agencies.

Motion made to approve applying for the Vulnerability Assessment Grant 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. 2026 Tentative Meeting Date

VIII. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

B. Department Updates

C. Employee Spotlight

IX. ADJOURN

Motion made for meeting to adjourn 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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

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