



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 05, 2026 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

Director of Finance/HR Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Public Works Aaron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook

A. Invocation

Reverend Ryan Martin gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Ryan Martin 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. December 15th, 2025 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025 by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2026-01 - Election & Charter Revision

Director of Finance Tracy Walker read the heading of Ordinance 2026-01.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM QUESTION TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 31, 2026; PROVIDING A CHARTER REFERENDUM QUESTION DETERMINING WHETHER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF BONIFAY; PROVIDING FOR THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF BONIFAY; PROVIDING FOR REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to hold the first Public Hearing on January 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm 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

Council Member Crews asked where the elections be held, and Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated the Supervisor of Elections, Rusty Williams, will take care of that for us.

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

B. Department Updates

Police Chief Johnny Whitaker introduced full-time Police Officer Ross Lee to the Council Members.

Fire Chief Travis Cook stated the new fire truck was here, and the air packs and spare bottles from a grant should be here soon.

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 9:08 am.

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