



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 06, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Bonifay City Hall Council Meeting Room – 401 McLaughlin Ave

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, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook.

A. Invocation

City Clerk Callahan gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda 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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. April 15th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of April 15, 2024 by Council Member Carroll, 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 Carroll, 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

Richard Willsey had questions about March 4, 2024 Public Hearing and the Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

No updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Department of Commerce Agreement Amendment

Motion made approving Mayor Cook to sign the Department of Commerce Agreement Amendment for Memorial Field drainage, by extending the expiration date until 06/30/25, 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. Ordinance 2024-07

Motion made to approve first reading of Ordinance 2024-07, Membership into the Florida Retirement System for Police Officers, 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. Ordinance 2024-08

Motion made to approve first reading of Ordinance 2024-08, Membership into the Florida Retirement System for General Employees, by roll call vote 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

C. Matthew Perry - Employee

Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry told the Council Members that Andrew Newton and David Jefferson were due for their one-year annual raise in the amount of \$1.00 per hour.

Motion made to approve raises 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

D. Advertising of Public Works Director Position

Motion made to approve advertising for Public Works Director position 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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

No updates.

B. Department Updates

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated the Energy Efficiency Lighting Grant has been sent out and bids are due by May 23rd.

Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker informed the Council Members that the office co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses on the City's Blue Cross of Florida insurance will be going down this year.

City Clerk Rickey Callahan welcomed FDOT staff members to the meeting and thanked them for their work on behalf of the City of Bonifay; FDOT will hold an open house questions and answer meeting regarding sidewalk improvements following the Council meeting.

Chief Whitaker told the Council Members that a special detail was set up at the hospital to handle calls from Sol Fest.

C. Employee Spotlight

Mayor Larry Cook stated that Trey Barbee has left, and taken another position in Washington County. We wish him the best; he was a valuable employee.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn meeting 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 9:17 am.

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