



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 04, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Council Member Shelley Carroll

Also Present

City Clerk Jessie Chaney, Finance Director Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Fire Chief Travis Cook, Police Chief Johnny Whitaker, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Plant Operator Matthew Perry

A. Invocation

Led by Chief Travis Cook

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chief Travis Cook

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. April 20th, 2026 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

IV. APPROVE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / TRANSFERS / FINANCIAL SHEETS TO REVIEW

Motion made to approve accounts payable.

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, 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 complained about Bonifay Fire Rescue Public Information Officer. He stated she drives "recklessly" and "like a bat out of hell". He also stated she is "just a PIO" and does not agree with her responding to calls "just to take pictures". At the end of his allocated time, he handed Mayor Cook a public records request.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rec Center Progress Update

Executive Assistant Smith presented a update on the rec center. She stated it is still in the design phase and is expected to move to construction phase in August/September.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chief Whitaker- Academy Sponsorship for New Hires

Motion made to approve request for new hires to attend the academy. Cost is expected to be \$1,000-\$2,300.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

B. Chief Whitaker - Redaction Software for Axxon Account

Motion made to approve Axxon redaction software. Amount \$4,075.11

Motion made by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Resolution 2026-03 CDBG DHM Application

Executive Assistant Smith presented resolution 2026-03 for the CDBG application. City Clerk Chaney read by title. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

B. Resolution 2026-04 CDBG AHE Application

Executive Assistant Smith presented resolution 2026-04 for the CDBG application. City Clerk Chaney read by title. Roll Call vote.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Personnel Updates

None

B. Department Updates

None

C. Employee Spotlight

Chief Travis Cook nominated Dillon Edwards for Employee Spotlight. He commended him on working 20 eight hour shifts of work recently. He has gone above and beyond for Bonifay Fire-Recue.

X. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:17am.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

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