



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 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 Shelley Carroll
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Council Member James Sellers

Also present

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Finance/HR Tracy Walker, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Director of Public Works Aaron Taylor, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Invocation

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. February 2nd, 2026 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of February 2, 2026 by Council Member Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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 Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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 questioned where & when the Public Hearing on Planning & Zoning was held; where is the guidelines on road closures for the City of Bonifay & who is notified; why was Happy Hollow not listed as being closed at point of entry on Highway 177A by the Queen of Social Media.

Mayor Cook told Mr. Willsey his time was up.

Mayor Cook moved forward with the meeting. Mr. Willsey continued talking, resulting in Mayor Cook calling him out of order.

A. Wayne Seaman

Moved to next meeting per his request.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Planning & Zoning Board Member

Mayor Cook asked to table to next agenda because of all Council Members not being present.

Motion made to approve tabling until next agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay Police Department Purchase - Chief Johnny Whitaker

Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker requested to decommission an older Tahoe, and purchased a code enforcement vehicle.

Motion made to approve decommission by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

B. City Clerk Job Advertisement Recommendations

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith asked the Council Members to review the job descriptions and notify her and Mrs. Walker of any changes they would like.

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Council Member Crews stated the crossties north bound lane at the railroad track on Oklahoma need to be replaced.

B. Department Updates

C. Employee Spotlight

X. ADJOURN

Motion made for meeting to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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