



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION-

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Midtown Plaza – 401 McLaughlin Ave Bonifay, Fl 32425

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

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Invocation

Vice-Mayor James Sellers gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Mayor James Sellers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

City Clerk Callahan requested Item 8A be moved to first thing after hearing the public.

Motion made to approve the agenda with requested move of Item 8A 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. July 1st, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024 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 Payables, Transfers, and Financial Sheets 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

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/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

No visitors spoke to the Council.

Catrina Carroll, with the Bonifay Kiwanis Club, requested the Council's approval to make application to the FDOT for the Rodeo Parade. Carroll stated she would need letters from the Mayor and Chief of Police.

Motion made to approve the Rodeo Parade application 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

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

No updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan - first reading and transmittal to the state

Kay Dennis gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. She stated the Planning Board recommended approval, and wanted a clause allowing residential in-home businesses be in the residential category.

City Clerk Callahan read the heading of Ordinance 439.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 358, WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF BONIFAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND ORDINANCE 401, WHICH AMENDED THE CITY OF BONIFAY FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO PROVIDE THE CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BONIFAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to approve the first reading and transmittal to the State of Ordinance 439 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. Council Assignments

Mayor Larry Cook - Police Department

Vice-Mayor James Sellers - Administration

Council Member Rick Crews - Fire Department

Council Member Shelley Carroll - Water Department

Council Member Eddie Dixon - Public Works

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

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

C. FDACS Energy Efficiency Grant Bids

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith told the Council Members that the Energy Efficiency Grant was to replace the lighting at Veterans Park. The two responses that were received were sent to

FDACS, and they advised to award Bill Smith Electric. Executive Assistant Smith requested the Council's permission to move forward with the project.

Motion made to approve moving forward with grant 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. FRDAP Award Information

Executive Assistant Smith told the Council Members that the FRDAP Award information is provided in their packets. The City of Bonifay was awarded \$200,000 for Veterans Memorial Park improvements.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay Kiwanis Club Rodeo Parade Permit - Catrina Carroll

Moved to after the Public Addressing the Council.

B. 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Discussion

Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker informed the Council Members that there was a draft budget in their packets, and if there were any questions, please let her know.

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

No updates.

B. Department Updates

Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker informed the Council Members that on August 2nd would be teen night from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. A cookout will be held, along with a movie and games.

Also, August 3rd the Back to School Bash will be held in the morning. Both events will be held at the softball field beside Memorial Field.

Chief Whitaker stated that since Jason Evans requested to be moved back to part-time, he has an open position and recommended hiring Braiden Pate.

Motion made to approve hiring Braiden Pate 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

City Clerk Callahan told the Council Members that the sheet rock was finished at City Hall and they would probably start painting tomorrow night.

Council Member Crews commended Public Works Director Aaron Taylor for the job done on the culvert at the Piggly Wiggly.

Mayor Cook stated the Woman's Club is having a Political Rally on July 18th, and there would be hotdogs and hamburgers. Also, First Baptist Bonifay Spanish Ministry is holding a soccer tournament on August 3rd at 4:00 pm.

City Attorney Holloway told the Council Members that they should have the initial draft of Code Enforcement, and any comments should be sent back to him.

Executive Assistant Smith told the Council Members that Northwest Florida Water Management came over and have offered a crew and equipment to address ditches and flooding issues on the northeast side of town, totaling nearly \$40,000.

City Attorney Holloway stated that the city will need to sign an agreement to maintain an entry road and retention pond for a business south of I-10 and asked the Council to approve the Mayor signing the agreement. Mayor Cook said it is the entrance way for Busy Bee.

Motion made to approve Mayor Cook signing the agreement 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. Employee Spotlight

No update.

X. 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 adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

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