



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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 Shelley Carroll
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

Also Present:

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

A. Invocation

Led by Council Member Eddie Dixon

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Council Member Eddie Dixon

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda.

Motion made 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. June 1st, 2026 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes.

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

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.

Motion made 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

V. Special Presentation - Waukesha Way

Emily McCann and Brandi Jordan from Waukesha Way presented Morgan Peoples with the Community Waymaker Scholarship.

VI. 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 Wilsey, of Happy Hollow Road, asked Mayor Cook if he was aware of the City of Lynn Haven's Mayor removing a citizen during their 3 minutes and how this was against constitutional rights. He then asked what budget cuts will the City make if the new property tax laws are approved.

Angie Wilsey, of Happy Hollow Road, wanted to thank everyone for speaking up and using the microphones.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2026-08 Magnolia Railroad Crossing Maintenance

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented Resolution 2026-08 Magnolia Railroad Crossing Maintenance. City Clerk Jessie Chaney read title. Roll Call Vote

Motion made 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. Resolution 2026-09 Hubbard Railroad Crossing Maintenance

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented Resolution 2026-09 Hubbard Railroad Crossing Maintenance. City Clerk Jessie Chaney read title. Roll Call Vote

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

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

C. Assistance to Firefighters Grant

Fire Chief Travis Cook seeking approval for engaging consulting group. Board approved at 6.25% of the federal share of the grant awarded.

Motion made 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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay Police Department K9 - Chief Whitaker

Chief Whitaker stated that the Bonifay Police Department will be loaned a K9 from Harry Hamilton to start the training process upon approval. Chief Whitaker will be seeking out donations through outside programs to help with the cost of K9 purchase. Council member Shelley Carroll suggested looking into grants.

Motion made 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

IX. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

X. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Mayor Cook thanked the Ellenburg family for attending the meeting.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith announced City of Bonifay will be doing a steak sandwich fundraiser for Sabrina Porter on July 2, 2026. Also, reminded everyone of the Panhandle Patriotic Celebration on June 28, 2026 at 6 pm.

B. Department Updates

Chief Whitaker announced the Bonifay Fire Department and Bonifay Police Department Jr. Academy will be held at the First Baptist Church on June 24th-June 26th. They will have around 60 children in attendance.

C. Employee Spotlight

None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 6:24 P.M.

Motion made 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

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