



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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

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

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

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 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. September 16th, 2025 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of September 16, 2025 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. September 23rd, 2025 Special Session

Motion made to approve the minutes of September 23, 2025 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

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 Sellers.

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 and state your name and address for the record.

Richard Wilsey, Happy Hollow Rd., asked again for the Non-Agenda Audience statement citing the Florida Statute be removed from the agenda. He asked how to get answers to questions, and stated he wanted an apology from the mayor.

A. Richard McMahon

Richard McMahon, Reach America Christian Outreach Non-Denominational Missions Ministry Coordinator, told the Council Members they partner with the Billy Graham Ministries. Mr. McMahon stated that Scott Daniel has been ministering in Bonifay for several weeks.

Mayor Cook explained to Mr. McMahon that the reason he was invited to the meeting was to discuss the complaints he is getting regarding Mr. Daniel impeding traffic. He is not staying on

the sidewalks, making derogatory statements when no one donates, that is coming out on his microphone headset, and knocking on windows. A video was shown of Mr. Daniel in traffic.

Police Chief Whitaker asked Mr. McMahon if he would come and tutor Mr. Daniel and encourage him to stay out of traffic.

Mayor Cook offered Mr. Daniel a job 3 days a week, if he would come to Son's Tire and let him know he was interested.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Procurement Policy Update

Motion made to approve Procurement Policy update 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. Memorial Field Drainage Improvements Project Task Work Order

Motion made to approve Memorial Field Drainage Improvements Project Task Work Order 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. Bonifay Police Department Drone Grant

Motion made to approve the FDLE Drone Grant in the amount \$25,000 for the Police Department 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. Bonifay Fire Rescue Drone Grant

Motion made to approve the FDLE Drone Grant in the amount \$25,000 for the Fire Department 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. Personnel Updates

Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry advised the Council Members that a WWTP operator had resigned effective October 17th and he will be advertising for a replacement.

Mayor Cook stated we had a lift station that went down Friday night during the rodeo. City employees were present during the rodeo, and when that lift station went down, Matt Perry and his employees went and repaired the lift station within a few hours. Mayor Cook commended them and noted having them on staff paid for it self.

Mayor Cook said the Fire Department had 7 calls during the rodeo, and commended the Fire Department for doing their part during the rodeo also. All departments worked well and it was a successful weekend.

B. Department Updates

Finance/HR Director Tracy Walker reminded everyone that we are still going through the system conversion.

Mayor Cook stated there was a Legislative Delegation meeting on Tuesday, it went very well, and recognized Senator Trumbull and Representative Abbott for being able to help with the Police Department expansion next year.

Trick or Treat will be October 31st from 5 - 8 pm.

The next meeting will be October 20th at 6:00 pm.

C. Employee Spotlight

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn 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 9:35 am.

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