



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION-

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Bonifay City Hall Council Meeting Room – 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, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook.

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 Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. May 6th, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024 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

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

Motion made to approve Accounts Payable, Transfers, and Financial Sheets by Council Member Carroll, 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 about 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 addressed the council about the March 4th Planning Board minutes and Council meeting notices.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. John Feeney City Planner

ACTION BY COUNCIL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05

ACTION BY COUNCIL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

Motion made to approve final reading and adoption of annexation Ordinance 2024-05, by roll call vote, 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

Motion made to approve final reading and adoption of Land Use Amendment Ordinance 2024-06, by roll call vote, by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

B. Capacity Fee Study - Florida Rural Water Association

Katherine Van Zant, Florida Rural Water Association, presented a Capacity Fee Study for new users to the Council Members.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Public Works Director Hire

Motion made to hire Aaron Taylor for the Public Works Director position 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. Ordinance 2024-07

Motion made to approve the final reading and adoption, by roll call vote, of Ordinance 2024-07 relating to membership into the Florida Retirement System for police officers 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. Ordinance 2024-08

Motion made to approve the final reading and adoption, by roll call vote, of Ordinance 2024-08 relating to membership in the Florida Retirement System for general employees 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. Chief Johnny Whitaker

Police Chief Johnny Whitaker presented the American Police Hall of Fame Purple Heart to former Bonifay Police Officer Steven Lee; highlighting his bravery and resilience.

This award is given to officers who are injured or disabled while performing their duties and meet specific criteria, including seeking professional medical attention and being out of work for at least one week.

The incident—which occurred on March 27, 2004—left Lee injured but his recovery and dedication to service were recognized by his peers and superiors.

Mr. Charles Flowers stated that he appreciated Mr. Lee and we should all respect him for his actions.

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

B. Department Updates

Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry told the Council Members that Well #4 disassembly started on Saturday.

Mayor Cook asked what the rain fall totals were, and Perry said Friday thru Sunday there was 4.38 inches, and over 10 inches of rain had fallen at the WWTP in the last 7 days.

C. Employee Spotlight

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn meeting 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 6:40 pm.

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