



## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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#### 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

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Finance/HR Tracy Walker, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker, and Fire Chief Travis Cook

##### A. Invocation

Vice-Mayor James Sellers gave invocation.

##### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Mayor James Sellers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda 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

#### III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. December 1st, 2025

Motion made to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025 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

#### **IV. 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 Willsey asked Mayor Cook if he had reviewed the case file from the non-federal circuit court on first amendment rights. Willsey also said "I am sure my attorney will be in touch with you about it."

#### **V. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

##### **A. Stormwater Park Closeout Documents**

Motion made to approve Stormwater Park Closeout 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

##### **B. Southside Drainage Biweekly Update**

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated that the completion for the Southside Drainage Project is anticipated in January due to weather.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Rec Center Agreement Melvin Engineering**

Motion made to approve Rec Center Agreement with Melvin Engineering 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. Rec Center Agreement Jon Holloway**

Motion made to approve Rec Center Agreement with Jon Holloway 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

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Resolution 2025-12 SB 784

Motion made to adopt Resolution 2025-12 SB 784, and approved 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

### B. Vulnerability Assessment Grant

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith informed the Council Members that she was requesting approval to accept an award offer of \$180,000 for a Vulnerability Assessment Grant. The Vulnerability Assessment will assist the city in future requests from FEMA and other agencies.

Motion made to approve accepting the award for the Vulnerability Assessment Grant 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. 2026 Tentative Meeting Date

A schedule of tentative meeting dates for 2026 was placed in the council room for participants.

## **VIII. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

### A. Council Updates

### B. Department Updates

### C. Employee Spotlight

## **IX. 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 declared the meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

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