



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION & PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, JULY 06, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member Shelley Carroll
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Council Member James Sellers

Also Present:

City Attorney Jonathan Holloway, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, City Clerk Jessie Chaney, Finance Director Tracy Walker, Police Chief Johnny Whitaker, 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 Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Crews.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. June 15th, 2025 Regular Session

Motion made to approve the minutes.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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 Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, 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, state your name and address for the record

City Clerk Jessie Chaney read a letter written to the City from Brandi Jordan, of Waukesha Way. Ms. Jordan asked for the Council to please address the constant clicking of a pen by a gentleman during their special presentation in the June 15, 2026 meeting. She stated that not only was it rude but very distracting. Mayor Cook address issue asking if everyone could refrain from unnecessary noise especially when we have guest speakers.

Richard Willsey, a nonresident, stated he had a special presentation for Chief Johnny Whitaker. Attorney Jonathan Holloway stated that special presentation needs to be added to the agenda beforehand. Mr. Willsey brought up the Facebook post of an overcharge of garbage service. Then spoke about others soliciting for an annexation. Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated Mr. Willsey three minutes were completed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-02 Mixed Use

Mayor Cook called Public Hearing into session.

Presented by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith.

Mr. Richard Willsey, a nonresident, asked what land was this pertaining to. Executive Assistant Sierra Smith explained that this was not a specific parcel that it was mixed use. Mr. Willsey asked for the Ordinance to be read. Ordinance was read by City Clerk Jessie Chaney. Mr. Willsey asked if City already has a mixed-use ordinance. City Attorney, Jonathan Holloway, stated that this is not a question-and-answer session and explained this was for input from the public only.

Mayor Cook closed Public Hearing.

B. Ordinance 2026-02 Mixed Use

Presented by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith. 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 Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

C. Memorial Field Change Order 1

Presented by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith. For additional paving which would include parking lots at Veterans Park and Memorial Field.

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

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

D. Memorial Field Work Change Directive

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

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

E. OG30018 DEP Grant Agreement for Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Presented by Amir Zafar of Ardurra Engineering for the \$500,000 grant.

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

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

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith spoke about this year's Jr. Academy Camp having a successful event with about 60 children in attendance. She wanted to thank all the first responders who contributed to such a great event. She then talked about how successful the Patriotic Celebrations was. Mayor Cook explained that the drone footage calculated between 3,000-5,000 people in attendance. Executive Assistant Sierra Smith thanked the community and employees for making the fundraiser for Sabrina Porter so successful. Plates were sold out, which resulted in raising a good amount to help her with future medical and travel expenses.

B. Department Updates

None

C. Employee Spotlight

None

X. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 9:24 A.M.

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

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

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

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