



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 06, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Midtown Plaza, 401 McLaughlin Ave., Bonifay, FL 32425

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Larry Cook called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mayor Larry Cook
Council Member James Sellers
Council Member Rick Crews
Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Council Member Shelley Carroll

Also present

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Invocation

Reverend Ryan Martin gave invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Reverend Ryan Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. December 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, 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 Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, 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/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 questioned why the flag at the fire station was not at half mast, he also questioned if the Bonifay Fire Department was pocketing money from their fundraiser account, and also questioned the Happy Hollow water leak and if

Rev. Ryan Martin discussed Holmes County Ministerial Association and the Cedar Tree Thrift Store. He stated that they will help meet the needs in our community, and asked that if anyone knew of needs to let them know.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

John Udochi requested to award bid on the old middle school renovation for Probes Unlimited expansion to James Fletcher Construction.

Motion made to approve award the bid to James Fletcher Construction by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance No. 439 First Reading Comprehensive Plan

Kay Dennis - Staff Report on City of Bonifay Comprehensive Plan

Set Second Reading - Public Hearing, and adoption of Ordinance No. 439

Kay Dennis told the Council Members that the State had concerns regarding back ground information and land use categories, and she made those changes.

City Clerk Rickey Callahan read the heading of Ordinance 439.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 358, WHICH ADOPTED THE CITY OF BONIFAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND ORDINANCE 401 WHICH AMENDED THE CITY OF BONIFAY FUTURE LAND USE MAP TO PROVIDE THE CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF BONIFAY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND FOR REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to approve first reading of Ordinance 439 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

Motion made to set the second reading, public hearing, and adoption of Ordinance 439 for February 3, 2025 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

B. Ordinance 2025-01 Property Preservation & Maintenance

City Clerk Callahan read the heading of Ordinance 2025-01.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH PROPERTY PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENERS' ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion made to approve first reading, set second reading, public hearing and adoption for February 3, 2025 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

None.

B. Department Updates

Public Works Director Aaron Taylor advised a fire hydrant on St. John's Rd. had been damaged by a hit & run and asked for everyone to provide information if they know anything.

C. Employee Spotlight

Director of Public Works stated that Allen Davis was doing animal control, and has a truck with air conditioned boxes for the animals.

Mayor Cook commended Allen Davis for taking on the duties of animal control.

X. 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 Crews, Council Member Dixon

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 am.

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