



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor McCann at 6:00 PM

A. Invocation

Invocation was given by Vice-Mayor Smith.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Smith.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Item C from Section I was moved to Section VI Item A.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Smith, Seconded by Council Member Cook.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

III. APPROVE MINUTES

None to approve.

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

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

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.

Christopher Naylor addressed the Council Members with a complaint regarding an arrest by Officer Blevins. Naylor will meet with the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 79 Corridor update

The 79 Corridor Board accepted the new Board Clerk services RFP submitted by the City of Bonifay. The 79 Corridor Board also voted to have their attorney submit letters to DEO and FDOT asking about dissolving the Board and turning the utilities over to the City of Bonifay.

B. Veteran's Memorial Park Improvements FRDAP Grant Emails/Dewberry update

The City will withdraw the grant and re-apply. Ben Blich, with Dewberry, stated Dewberry will repay the engineering cost to the City. Mayor McCann asked that he send the plans on all projects Dewberry currently has with the City.

C. Resolution 23-15

Council Members voted to adopt Resolution 23-15 and to hold a public hearing on June 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM regarding abandoning a portion of a certain portion of a certain public road in the City.

D. Waukesha Way events

Council Members voted to allow Waukesha Way to hold "Watermelons on Waukesha" event at Eureka Square on June 24, 2023 and a "Back to School" bash in August 2023.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA funds

There was a consensus of the Council to hold off committing ARPA money to the water meter project as Council Member Sellers advised that NWFL Water Management has offered assistance. It was also mentioned that ARPA money may be needed for the Police Department.

B. Tyler Technologies quote

Council Members voted to accept Tyler Technologies quote of \$6316 for ESS Timekeeping.

Motion made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

C. Accept online bids for patrol cars

Council Members voted to accept online bids for patrol cars.

Motion made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

D. Change signatories at Peoples South Bank - Remove Travis Cook, Mayor & Ryan Martin, Vice-Mayor Add Emily McCann, Mayor & Sierra Smith, Vice-Mayor

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

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

E. Sierra Smith - Headshots and Yearbook sponsorship

Vice-Mayor Smith told the Council Members that Paul Goulding will do the headshots of the Council and Department Heads. Vice-Mayor Smith will make a donation to Mr. Goulding's photography class at Vo-Tech. The cost of a full page yearbook ad (\$260) will be split between the Council, Bonifay Fire and Bonifay Police Departments.

F. PERSONNEL UPDATES:

Chief Operator Matt Perry recommends James D. Jefferson as Wastewater and Water Operator effective June 12, 2023 at a starting salary of \$17.50 per hour with a \$0.50 raise at the end of the 90 day probationary period.

Motion made by Council Member Cook, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

Mayor McCann updated the Council on the status of responses to ads for Bonifay Police Department positions. We have received 43 applications for Chief, 17 for Asst. Chief and 13 for Patrol Officer.

G. Adopt Planning Fee Schedule as Recommended by City Planner John Fenney

Council Members voted to adopt Planning Fee Schedule as Recommended by City Planner John Fenney.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Smith, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

VIII. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

Officer Chuck White reported on the police Department work being done by he and fellow Officers Betty Sims and George Record. He stated that 90% of the property belonging to the Bonifay Police Dept. being used by officers has been recovered.

FDLE will postpone audit until a Chief is hired. All three officers attended use of force training May 12, 2023. Officers Sims and Record attended firearms training May 19, 2023. Patrol vehicles need fire extinguishers. The rest of their time has been spent on inventories and detailing patrol vehicles.

The Mayor advised the Council that a pistol had been signed out by the previous Chief to a previous Council Member that belongs to the Bonifay Police Dept. Officer White will recover that firearm.

The re-striping of all patrol vehicles was discussed. Council Members voted to have vehicles re-striped using the black and white colors, all vehicles will be re-striped except the one used by the Police Chief.

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith.

Voting Yea: Mayor McCann, Vice-Mayor Smith, Council Member Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll

Mayor McCann advised the Council that she was appointing Council Member Carroll liaison for the Council with the Bonifay Police Department.

Mayor McCann thanked Officers Chuck White, Betty Sims and George Record for "stepping up" during this time while they are on administrative duty.

Council Member Sellers advised that Christina Coger, with NWFL Water Management, met him, City Superintendent Barbee and drove around and discussed stormwater issues, and issues with the well and water tank on W. North Avenue. Council Member Sellers advised also that he believes Ms. Coger and NWFL Water Management will assist the City to correct issues.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Employee Spotlight

Vice-Mayor Smith thanked the City and City Superintendent Trey Barbee for the assistance leading up to the HCHS Graduation in acquiring chairs for use.

Council Member Carroll asked about the ADA compliance issue on E. Iowa Avenue. Mayor and City Clerk will meet with Brent Melvin on Wednesday and discuss.

X. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Mayor McCann at 7:04 PM

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