



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2025 at 9:00 AM**  
**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 9:00 am.

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Council Member Shelley Carroll

Also present

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Director of Finance Tracy Walker, and Police Chief Johnny Whitaker

**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 Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

#### **A. August 18th, 2025**

Motion made to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025 by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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 Dixon.

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/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.

Samantha Perry questioned the status of changing the Cemetery Ordinance regarding benches.

Mayor Cook stated it would be addressed later in the meeting.

### **VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING (moved up at the mayor’s request)**

#### **A. Resolution 2025-07 RIF Decon Road**

City Planner John Feeney read the heading of Resolution 2025-07.

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BONIFAY, CITY COUNCIL, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A STATE OF FLORIDA, RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (RIF) GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTSS FOR THE CITY OF BONIFAY, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Mr. Feeney stated this is for the Decon Road sewer extension project.

Motion made to approve adopting Resolution 2025-07 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. Resolution 2025-06 - Panasonic Toughbook Lease**

Director of Finance Tracy Walker read the heading on Resolution 2025-06.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SAID CONTRACT; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL INTERPRETATION; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND FEE POLICIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made to approve adopting Resolution 2025-06 by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

#### **A. Council Updates**

#### **B. Department Updates**

#### **C. Employee Spotlight**

Bonifay Fire Department has 2 employee spotlights.

Assistant Chief Landis Messer nominated Captain Zack Sellers, and Chief Travis Cook nominated Fire Fighter Blake Hundley.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith read the nominations aloud.

Mayor Cook asked the Council Members if they have any thoughts on the cemetery bench issue.

Council Member Crews suggested that any requests to alter the ordinance should come from the Cemetery Committee.

Mayor Cook stated he talked to 2 members of the committee, Ken Yates and Marianne Barton, and both stated that the intent on the benches is exactly how it is stated. As it stands right now, there will not be any changes to the ordinance unless the Cemetery Committee requests it.

Samantha Perry spoke again, stating there is nowhere to sit at the cemetery.

Mayor Cook stated that any benches placed after this Ordinance was adopted will need to be removed.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated we are in the process of preparing renovations for the cemetery and it could include some benches in central locations.

Mayor Cook stated the entrance will be restructured and will include planting some trees.

Motion made that any changes made to the cemetery ordinance will come from the Cemetery Committee by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

Executive Assistant Smith stated that the playground equipment was installed this weekend at Veteran's Memorial Park, and gave a big thanks to Mayor Cook and Public Works Department.  
Additional

## **X. ADJOURN**

Motion made for meeting to adjourn by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Sellers.

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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

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