



# MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### PRESENT

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

Also Present: Finance Director Tracy Walker, City Clerk Jessie Chaney, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Aaron Taylor, Waste Water Treatment Facility Operator Matthew Perry, Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

#### A. Invocation

Led by Public Works Director Aaron Taylor

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Public Works Director Aaron Taylor

### II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made 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

### III. APPROVE MINUTES

#### A. September 21st, 2026 Regular Session

Motion made 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

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

Motion made 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

#### **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

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

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Bonifay Fire-Rescue Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award Package**

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented a grant award from FEMA in the amount of \$51,928.57. Asking for a waiver to purchase the equipment and forego procurement policy.

Motion made 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

#### **VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

##### **A. Memorial Field Project Update**

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith presented an update on the Memorial Field Project, reporting that the project was 54% complete, with 65% of the allotted time used. She stated that work was expected to resume within the week, weather permitting. Ms. Smith thanked Public Works Director Aaron Taylor for allowing contractor equipment to be parked on City property, saving on mobilization costs.

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

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

##### **A. Personnel Updates**

Mayor Cook reminded the public that trick-or-treating is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. He also noted that Election Day is November 3, 2026, and that the day of the meeting was the last day to register to vote.

#### B. Department Updates

Public Works Director Aaron Taylor reported that Rodeo weekend went smoothly. He noted that a small water leak occurred, but his department was on-site and quickly resolved the issue. He commended the crew for their prompt response.

Police Chief Johnny Whitaker reported that there were very few issues during Rodeo weekend, attributing this in part to the use of additional message boards and an increased law enforcement presence.

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith reported that the City Hall parking lot would be striped that week and would then be available for full use. She also stated that Florida Public Lights had informed her that the City's lighting needed to be updated. The lighting upgrades are expected to save the City approximately \$21,990 annually.

Ms. Smith reported that the Bonifay Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast received strong community support, with more than 500 plates sold. Emerald Coast Hospice donated \$5,000 to support the event. She also thanked Chipley Fire and Rescue for assisting with calls during the Rodeo.

#### C. Employee Spotlight

### X. ADJOURN

at 9:11 a.m.

Motion made by Council Member Crews.

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