



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present were: Mayor Travis Cook, Vice-Mayor Ryan Martin, and Councilman Rick Crews.

Councilwoman Sierra Smith attended through a Zoom Meeting, but lost the connection at some point after the meeting began.

A. Mayor Travis Cook

Mayor Travis Cook called the meeting to order.

B. Invocation

Vice Mayor Ryan Martin gave the Invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Mayor Ryan Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

A. Approve minutes of February 27, 2023 Regular Session

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

III. APPROVE AGENDA

Emily McCann requested that her resignation be added to the Agenda. Mayor Cook advised this item would be added as Item A. and the others would move down a letter.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

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

None to Approve

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.

Sandy Spear and Shirley Owens appeared before the Council on behalf of the Bonifay Kiwanis Club and asked that the City Fee charged for the Rodeo of \$2,500 which was agreed to in 2022 be waived for the October 2022 and the October 2023 Rodeos.

Motion made to approve the request by Vice-Mayor Ryan Martin, seconded by Councilman Rick Crews. Mayor Cook voted yes, Vice-Mayor Martin voted yes, and Councilman Crews voted yes.

A. Veronica Peel Watkins - Requesting to close Iowa Street on March 15th from 5-7 PM for TeamKid Hometown Hero Night

Veronica Peel Watkins appeared before the Council Requesting to close Iowa Street on March 15th from 5-7PM for FBC to hold TeamKid Hometown Hero night. She also advised the Council that Peel Funeral will be putting in a Crematorium and was told that there are no restrictions in doing that.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

B. Tammie Harrison - Request for easement or deed on City Property R/W and Alley

Tammie Harrison appeared before the Council to ask for an easement or a deed on City R/W and Alley at 211 E. Nebraska Ave, requesting 10' of the alley behind the dwelling and 15' on the east side along Varner Street.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

C. Sidney Adams 408 Cotton Street

Mr. Sidney Adams at 408 Cotton Street appeared before the City to lodge a complaint regarding the condition of a property at 404 Cotton Street. Chief Chris Wells advised that he would check the status of the Code Enforcement issue. No action was taken by the Council.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mott-McDonald - Amir Zafar SRF Water Improvements Phase 1 and Phase 2

Amir Zafar asked the Council to approve the Work Order for the Drinking Water SRF Construction so the work could begin.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Martin.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

B. Updates concerning 79 Corridor Project Workshop and Board Meeting

Vice-Mayor Martin advised that he would attend the March 27 Hwy. 79 Corridor Project Meeting, and a new representative from the Council will need to be named when the new City Council is seated.

C. Dewberry Engineers - Updates or Reports

No reports from Dewberry

D. DMH Engineering - Updates or Reports

No Reports from DMH

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item A- "Emily McCann resignation" was added earlier in the meeting under "Approve Agenda".

Councilwoman Dr. Emily McCann resigned her Seat effective 03/06/2023 in order to run for Mayor in the upcoming election.

A. Paint and striping for Bonifay Police Department patrol vehicles

Chief Chris Wells asked the Council to approve painting 3 patrol vehicles and striping of 5 patrol vehicles at an approximate cost of \$6,710 to be paid from ARPA funds.

B. Tree Removal at 407 N. Oklahoma Street Alleyway

\$2,400 Great Rate Tree Service

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

C. Memorandum of Understanding between the Bonifay Fire Department and the City of Bonifay

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

D. Canvassing Board for City Election Tuesday, March 28, 2023

City Clerk Rickey Callahan asked that Tracy Walker, Bob Davis, and Trey Barbee to the Canvassing Board for the upcoming City Election.

Motion made by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Vice-Mayor Martin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

E. Employee Holiday Amendment

Mayor Cook advised the Council that surrounding municipalities and counties have Good Friday and Juneteenth as paid holidays for their employees, and would recommend that the City of Bonifay do the same.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

VIII. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

City Attorney Michelle Blankenship-Jordan advised the Council that a Special Session needed to be set for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 5:00PM for the City Council to address hiring an attorney for the Fire Department Expansion project bond claim.

Motion made by Vice-Mayor Martin, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Vice-Mayor Martin, Council Member Crews

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. ADJOURN

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39PM.

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