



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 03, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member Rick Crews

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

A. Invocation

Led by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Executive Assistant Sierra Smith

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

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

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. July 20th, 2026 regular Session

Motion was made to approve the minutes.

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

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

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

Motion was made to approve accounts payable.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, 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

Richard Willsey, a non-resident, of Happy Hollow expressed concerned over who gets information received from FLOCK cameras. Then asked who gets information and who approved the use of FLOCK cameras. Mr. Willsey laid a written complaint down on the council table along with three public records requests.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bonifay Police Department Vehicle Purchase

Chief Whitaker presented a request for vehicle purchase for the Police Department. This vehicle would allow non-sworn employees to use for community outreach and transportation of evidence to Pensacola without having to use a marked vehicle.

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

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

B. Ad Valorem Discussion

Finance Director Tracy Walker asked to set the hearing date for September 3, 2026 @ 5:01p.m. Also asking for the approval for an up to 4 millage rate on the TRIM notice.

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Dixon

VIII. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

A. FDEP Resilient Grant 26PLN42

City Clerk Jessie Chaney asked for approval of the Task Work Order for the Resilient Florida Grant 26PLN42 showing a total amount of \$180,000.00 with Alday Howell Engineering.

Motion made by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Dixon

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

Mayor Cook reminded the public of the Property Tax Amendment Town Hall with State Representative Shane Abbott on August 24, 2026 at 6 p.m.

He also reminded the public that kids will be returning back to school next week so please drive careful and be patient with traffic.

B. Department Updates

C. Employee Spotlight

Public Works

Public Works Director Aaron Taylor commended Ross Holeyfield on his work as City Mechanic. Mr. Holeyfield does a great job at keeping all of the city vehicles serviced and up and running.

X. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.

Motion made by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.
Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Sellers, Council Member Carroll, Council Member Dixon

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