



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION-

MONDAY, JULY 01, 2024 at 9:00 AM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Council Member James Sellers

Also present

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Public Works Director Arron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Invocation

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith gave Invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion made to approve the agenda by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

III. APPROVE MINUTES

A. June 17th, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes of June 17, 2024 by Council Member Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cook, Council Member Carroll, 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 Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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

Mayor Cook moved Waukesha Way prior to visitors, because they had another engagement.

Emily McCann stated the purpose of Waukesha Way was to have activities for free for the community, and to spur economic development.

McCann stated that the new board membership will be submitted to the Mayor this week.

McCann told the Council Members a Back to School Bash will be held on August 3rd at the Memorial Field softball field.

McCann stated that Waukesha Way wanted to offer the opportunity of \$500 beautification mini grants to the citizens living or working in the City of Bonifay.

McCann asked the Council Members to review the 4 items in their packet, and she will come back at the next meeting and answer any questions they may have.

Mayor Cook called for a vote of confidence.

Motion made for a vote of confidence by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

McCann told the Council Members that with the new board, they will resume working on the Main Street certification.

McCann stated that since the reopening of Middlebrooks Park, a pole barn had been put up next to the splash pad to help provide shade.

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 addressed the council and questioned if letters of resignation and billing were date stamped to show when they were received, he questioned the agenda, the completion date of City Hall renovation, and if permits were pulled for the renovation. Willsey asked Attorney Holloway what he considers a malicious filing.

After several warnings, Richard Willsey and Sammie Michelle were removed from the meeting by Police Chief Johnny Whitaker. Both meeting participants were able to return once they conducted themselves in a manner conducive to the meeting being able to move forward.

A. Danny Boyd - Code Enforcement/Hazardous Conditions

Danny Boyd, local resident, voiced his concern about abandoned houses, places with trash in the yard, causing health and safety issues, and thinks the City needs to look at the possibility of having a Code Enforcement Officer.

VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING

No updates.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Number 435 Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Approval.

City Clerk Callahan read the heading of Ordinance 435.

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Motion made to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 435 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 24-35 - Division of Emergency Management- Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith stated that the Division of Emergency Management was wanting cities and counties to sign the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion made to adopt Resolution 24-35 by roll call vote by Council Member Crews, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

B. Waukesha Way Mini Beautification Grant

IX. COUNCIL / DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS / CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

A. Council Updates

B. Department Updates

Executive Assistant Smith stated the next update for Middlebrooks Park is installing benches that were donated by the Health Department, and shade sails donated by Waukesha Way.

C. Employee Spotlight

Mayor Cook stated the Aaron Taylor was doing a great job during his first two weeks.

X. ADJOURN

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

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

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

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