



# **MINUTES**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR SESSION**

**MONDAY, MAY 05, 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 Shelley Carroll  
Council Member Rick Crews  
Council Member Eddie Dixon

Also present:

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, HR/Finance Director Tracy Walker, City Attorney Jon Holloway, Lt. Police Officer Chelsey Castro, Director of Public Works Aaron Taylor, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry

#### **A. Invocation**

Council Member Eddie Dixon gave invocation.

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Council Member Eddie Dixon 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 Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

#### **A. April 21st, 2025 Regular Session**

Motion made to approve the minutes of April 21, 2025 by Council Member Sellers, Seconded by Council Member Crews.

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 to approve Accounts Payable, Transfers, and Financial Sheets 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

Richard Willsey addressed the condition of the stormwater retention area beside Middlebrooks park again.

### **VI. PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

#### **A. Biweekly Construction Summary Stormwater Park**

Executive Assistant Sierra Smith informed the Council Members that the update on the stormwater park was included in their packets.

### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. State Appropriations Discussion**

Executive Assistant Smith told the Council Members that Mayor Cook, Chief Whitaker, Chief Cook, and herself had the privilege to go to Tallahassee to meet with our representatives at the Capitol.

They were able to discuss the City of Bonifay's State Appropriations Requests, and feel confident that the representatives support the City of Bonifay.

Council Member Dixon stated that these visits are critical and important to keep the City of Bonifay on their minds.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Items not listed on Formal Agenda.

### **A. Council Updates**

### **B. Department Updates**

- Bonifay Police Department Monthly Recap

- Bonifay Fire Department Monthly Recap

Executive Assistant Smith gave updates on the Police Department and the Fire Department recap for the month of April.

Executive Assistant Smith informed the Council Members that the Fire Department will be holding a Jr. Fire Fighter Day on June 7, 2025.

Mayor Cook welcomed Lt. Chelsey Castro onboard and thanked her for coming to Bonifay.

Executive Assistant Smith told the Council Members that Florida Department of Environmental Protection sent Mayor Cook a letter stating based on the inspection on June 24, 2024, our wastewater treatment plant was in full compliance.

### **C. Employee Spotlight**

## **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 Carroll, Council Member Crews, Council Member Dixon

Mayor Cook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

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