



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - SPECIAL SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2024 at 5:01 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Motion made for Council Member Rick Crews to Chair the meeting by Council Member Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

Chairman Rick Crews called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Council Member Shelley Carroll

Council Member Rick Crews

Council Member Eddie Dixon

ABSENT

Mayor Larry Cook

Council Member James Sellers

Also present:

City Clerk Rickey Callahan, Deputy Clerk Tracy Walker, Executive Assistant Sierra Smith, Chief Plant Operator Matt Perry, and Chief of Police Johnny Whitaker

A. Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Rickey Callahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Invocation

City Clerk Rickey Callahan gave invocation.

C. A. READ SUMMARY OF PROPOSED TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE OF 3.0 MILS

B. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

.Chairman Rick Crews read the summary of proposed millage rate.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE LEVY OF MILLAGE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES OF 3.0000 MILLS WHICH IS 4.21% MORE THAN THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 2.8787 FOR THE CITY OF BONIFAY FISCAL YEAR 2025.

Chairman Crews opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone from the audience cared to comment.

Chairman Crews asked that they state their name and address.

Richard Willsey stated his name, and his address as Happy Hollow Road. Willsey stated that it was a travesty to put this burden of the Ad Valorem tax on the citizens.

Chairman Crews closed the Public Hearing and opened the Special Session.

D. ACTION BY COUNCIL BY COUNCIL TO ADOPT TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 OF 3.0 MILS

Motion made to adopt the tentative Ad Valorem taxes at 3.000 mills for the City of Bonifay for fiscal year 2025 by roll call vote by Council Member Dixon, Seconded by Council Member Carroll.

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

Chairman Crews announced the date of the final Ad Valorem hearing will be held on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

E. 1. READ SUMMARY OF TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 -2025

2. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 BUDGET

Chairman Crews read the tentative budget heading.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE ANNUAL PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, TO PAY THE ITEMS IN GENERAL OPERATING FUND, SEWER SALARIES, OTHER EXPENSES, CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND FOR OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY.

Chairman Crews opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone from the audience cared to comment.

Chairman Crews asked that they state their name and address.

Richard Willsey stated his name, and his address as Happy Hollow Road. Willsey voiced his concern over the Police Department budget and them operating now, he had concerns for the line

item for furniture asking if it was for the cemetery or City Hall, he stated that Waukesha Way was funded last year, he expressed concern over the budget for Bonifay Fire Rescue having a shift position and the expense this puts on the “backs of the tax payers”, and he spoke about the current year revenue and expenditures.

Emily McCann with Waukesha Way gave a presentation on Waukesha Way being the City's community outreach nonprofit, serving those who live and work in the city. McCann made a request for Waukesha Way to be funded \$20,000 this next fiscal year.

Chairman Crews closed the Public Hearing and opened the Special Session.

F. ACTION BY COUNCIL TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2024 - 2025 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Motion made to adopt the tentative budget in the amount of \$15,706,618.14 for the City of Bonifay for fiscal year 2025 by roll call vote by Council Member Carroll, Seconded by Council Member Dixon.

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

Chairman Crews announced the date of the final Budget Hearing will be held on September 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

II. ADJOURN

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

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

Chairman Crews declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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