

MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
REGULAR SESSION

The Bonifay City Council met in regular session on September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City council room.

Mayor James Sims called the meeting to order and Vice-Mayor Roger Brooks gave Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Mayor James Sims
Vice-Mayor Roger Brooks
Councilman Travis Cook
Councilman Rickey Callahan

Member not present:

Councilman Robert Urquhart

City Employees present:

City Clerk Beverly Gilley kept the minutes.
City Attorney Michelle Jordan
City Superintendent Trey Barbee
Chief of Police Chris Wells
Code Enforcement Office Rodney Coffey

ACTION

Councilman Callahan motioned and Vice-Mayor Brooks seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

ACTION

Councilman Cook motioned and Councilman Callahan seconded approval to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Heath Jenkins, Mott MacDonald discussed Camp Branch sewer line issue on Magnolia Street explaining a 1.24" sag in the sewer line on the south end of the line and a .25" on the north end. To correct the issue 300 ft. along with the street would have to be excavated to correct the slope as it is below the requirements of FDEP. FDEP agreed that the City could enter an agreement with the department requiring the City of flush the section of line every six months and monitor the

situation. The City Attorney, Michelle Jordan stated that she was not comfortable with the proposed agreement. Mr. Jenkins stated the FDEP is willing to consider another option. The situation was discovered during the Camp Branch project and a decision was made by Mott MacDonald and the GCUC, the Council requested their presence at the next Regular Session of the Council on September 27, 2021.

ACTION

Councilman Cook motioned and Councilman Callahan seconded approval to table Camp Branch sewer line issue until September 27, 2021. Motion carried.

Elissa Pettis, Dewberry, reported back to the Council on the possibility of getting advance payments on the Appropriation projects for Memorial Field and Etheridge Street. Ms. Pettis indicated that this was possible; however, approval from the State of Florida's CFO office was required. In order to proceed the agreements for both projects needed to be signed and executed.

ACTION

Vice-Mayor Brooks motioned and Councilman Cook seconded to approve the execution on the agreements (contingent on the approval of the CFO's office). Motion carried.

Beverly Gilley, City Clerk, asked the Council if they wanted to change the amount of money that was spent on candy for the fire department and police department for the rodeo parades.

ACTION

Councilman Cook motioned and Councilman Callahan to continue with the \$500. Motion carried.

ACTION

Vice-Mayor Brooks motioned and Councilman Cook seconded to approve getting Renza Bailey on work release from the County Jail; pay would be for \$9/hour. Motioned carried.

Elissa Pettis, Dewberry presented to the Council Change Order #2 received from Holley Development on the Fire Station Expansion project. The change order was requesting a time extension of 136 to completion. Ms. Pettis requested that Mr. Jason Holley, owner of Holley Development explain to the Council why the extension was requested. Mr. Holley indicated that it was due to the lead time to get the trusses in from his vendor.

ACTION

Councilman Cook motioned and Vice-Mayor Brooks seconded to approve change order #2. Motion carried.

Councilman Cook brought to the attention of the Council that there have been several vehicle crashes at Jenkins Road where it ended at McGee road. Mr. Cook recommended that the City replace the large stop across from the ending of Jenkins and possibly add rumble strips to alert drivers to the upcoming stop sign. Trey Barbee, City Superintendent stated that the sign was taken care of.

ACTION

Vice-Mayor Brooks motioned requesting the City honor Jack Marell for his many years of service to the City and Councilman Callahan seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Brooks suggested a memorial plaque and ceremony dedicating the plaque. Ms. Maria Gomez with Wild Horses, LLC spoke from the gallery wanting to donate the plaque to the City.

ACTION

Councilman Callahan motioned and Vice-Mayor Brooks seconded approval to hire Mr. Ronnie Smith for the city meter reader with starting pay of \$12/hour. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor Brooks mentioned ditches that needed cleaning and Councilman Callahan reminded the Council of Holmes County Commissioner, Clint Erickson offering the County's resources to the City in order to get the ditches cleaned out. Trey Barbee said that Mr. Erickson required a Hold Harmless letter prior to starting.

ACTION

Councilman Callahan motioned and Councilman Cook seconded approval for Mayor Sims to provide the needed letter to the County. Motion carried.

Mayor Sims presented to the Council a request for a temporary closing of Waukesha St for a Christmas Parade to be held on December 4, 2021 from 6pm – 8 pm.

ACTION

Councilman Callahan motioned and Vice-Mayor Brooks seconded to approve closing Waukesha St. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Chris Wells asked Council's permission to replace a transmission in one of the police vehicles.

ACTION

Councilman Callahan motioned and Councilman Cook seconded to approve the repair. Motion carried.

Bob Davis, resident of 1440 Clifford Street, voiced a grievance against the Code Enforcement Officer, Rodney Coffey. Mr. Coffey explained the situation and stated he refused to go on private property to look through a fence. Mr. Davis stated he was being retaliated against because he was in attendance at all meetings and spoke up on a regular basis.

Ms. Sierra Smith with Holmes County High School appeared before to inform the Council that First Responders would be honored at the upcoming football game on September 17th and to invite all First Responders.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. Central Daylight Time.

The following items are on file at City Hall in a folder marked September 13, 2021 Regular Session:

September 13, 2021 agenda
August 23, 2021 minutes
September 7, 2021 minutes
Accounts Payable