

Bolivar City Council Meeting

September 13, 2021

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Larry Crawford
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Dylan Hill
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Carol Spinks
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Lynn Price, Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, family of Ms. Louise Stallings, and Ernest Brooks

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilman Crawford to lead the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from August 9, 2021 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Crawford to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic turned the meeting over to Councilman Crawford. Councilman Crawford told the Council and guests information about the Hardeman County Forest Festival activities starting on September 14, 2021. He invited everyone to come out and join the fun!
- b. Mayor Announced City of Bolivar offices were closed on September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day
- c. Mayor asked the Council for approval to move the next regular scheduled City Council meeting to October 18, 2021 since city offices will be closed October 11 in observance of Columbus Day.
- d. **Recognition Proclamation for Ms. Louise Stallings**
Mayor McTizic presented Ms. Louise Stallings with a Proclamation for her 90th birthday and her success in her bowling career. Ms. Stallings has won several titles and tournaments in her

bowling career but most recently she won a state title at the age of 90. The Mayor thanked Ms. Louise for her friendship and dedication to the citizens of Bolivar.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met August 26, 2021, the following was discussed and approved:

- Approved the Covid-19 leave policy
- The Board approved for Stuart C. Irby to do a detailed feasibility study on fiber to the home

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on September 8, 2021, the following was discussed and approved:

- Tennessee Public Utility Commission conducted their annual gas audit and found no violations
- Utility Board approved to replace one of our anode beds that has failed after 45 years
- Utility Board approved to install a security system at the East Jackson Utility Shop
- Gas prices for September \$0.79
- Everything else routine

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 18 (13 city, 5 county)
- Training hours – 200
- Smoke alarms installed – 3
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 8
- Department personnel participated in 2 public relations events throughout the month of August
- Dispatch operations transferred to the 9-1-1 Communications District on August 11, 2021. The transition from Hardeman County Sheriff's office dispatch to the Communications District dispatch has been smooth with no disruption to operations.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 564
- Citations – 158
- Accidents – 14 (2 injuries, 12 property damage)
- Arrests – 23 (1 juvenile, 22 adult)
- Special events- 4 THSO DUI Saturations
- Training Hours- 152 HRS

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

- We hosted the Bolivar Middle School softball home games and had 7 pavilion reservations
- We continue to work with A2H on upcoming projects at Sand Beach Lake
- Routine maintenance

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

- Our 5-13 year old Soccer League registration has ended and games will start this month
- The City sponsored a Corn Hole Tournament on August 28th at the Farmers Market. The event was a success with 20 players. Everyone had a great time!

- Our Intro to Tennis for Youth Camp will continue on the last Saturday of every month at the tennis courts at City Park. The ages 5-8 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., ages 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Get Healthy Community Walk at Sand Beach Lake will continue as the 2nd Saturday Walk
- The adult exercise class is going well and we will continue it through the rest of the year

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Cutting grass downtown
- Bush hogging throughout the city
- Painting lines
- Changing out faded signs
- Pressure washing sidewalks
- Fixing potholes
- Fixed traffic light at Wal-Mart
- Picking up brush
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS
- **Open Sealed Bids for Dumpsters:**
There was one bid submitted for purchasing new dumpsters. The company WasteEquip priced new dumpsters at \$1,635.00 each. Mr. Eddie noted that at this cost he would only be able to buy 7 new dumpsters since he had \$12,000 in the budget for dumpsters this year. Councilman Crawford made a motion, second by Mr. Golden to approve the bid of \$1,635.00 from WasteEquip for the purchase of new dumpsters. All voted “Aye”.

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

The Planning Commission met on August 16, 2021 to discuss and review the following:

- The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met to review plans to re-zone 121 E. Jefferson St. from a R-1 to a B-2. During the meeting it was also decided to rezone the old Board of Education building to a B-2 since it was right next to the other property. It was voted and decided that the Planning Commission will forward a favorable recommendation for this rezoning and bring Ordinance 21-005 before the Council for approval.

Library – Becky White, Director(absent)

- Financials: \$745.50 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 4 with 18 participants
- Circulation report – Material Circulation- 771, Computer users 266, Wi Fi users 1,450, Hot Spot users- 2, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 513

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilman Suzanne Rhea

- The Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission met in regular session Thursday September 9, 2021 to discuss and review the following:
 - a. The new pitched roof at Shaw Broadcasting
 - b. COA for a new sign on the West Market St. side of Big Waves which was denied because of 2 violates in the HZC guidelines
 - c. New awnings for 113 North Main St. and 155 North Main St. which were approved

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins (absent)

- Building Consultations – 10

- Building permits written– 4
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 3
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 35
- Met with Planning Commission on August 16, 2021

DevCo – Mayor McTizic

- The next meeting is set for October 4, 2021 at 5:00 at the Bolivar Municipal Building

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Second Reading of Ordinance 21-003- Amend Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-215:

This Ordinance is to amend Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-215 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to establish 3 new holidays for the City of Bolivar. This Ordinance would add Columbus Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, and give city employees a 3 week time period to take a day off for their birthday. At this time Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye.” There being no public questions nor comments, Councilman Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye.” Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 21-003. There being no questions, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve Ordinance 21-003, that amends Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-215 of the Bolivar Municipal Code. All voted “Aye”.

b. Second Reading of Ordinance 21-004- Amend Ordinance 20-003:

This Ordinance is to amend Ordinance 20-003, Relative to the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2021-2022, Ordinance 21-002. Mayor McTizic explained to the Council this amendment is to pay the city firefighters their holiday pay from fiscal year 2020-2021. The City of Bolivar’s policy states that all holidays have to be used by June 30 of that ending fiscal year. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Fire Department was unable to take all of their holidays because they were short staffed. This amendment allows for the firefighters to be paid for those holidays they were unable to take. At this time Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye.” There being no public questions nor comments, Councilman Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye.” Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 21-004. There being no questions, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ordinance 21-004, that amends Ordinance 20-003. All voted “Aye”.

c. First Reading of Ordinance 21-005: Amend the Bolivar Zoning Plans

This ordinance is forwarded by a positive recommendation from the Bolivar Regional Planning Commission. This ordinance will rezone two properties; the old Board of Education building and 121 E. Jefferson St. from R-1 to B-2. Councilman Rhea made a motion, second

by Councilman Lowe to approve Ordinance 21-004 to amend the Bolivar Zoning Plans. All voted "Aye".

d. Resolution 2021-07: Adopt a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Hwy 64 (SR-15)

This resolution will allow the City of Bolivar to adopt a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan created by The Corradino Group for Hwy 64 bicycle and pedestrian plan that will go from downtown area to Sand Beach Lake. Approval of this resolution will give the City permission to apply for the 2021-2022 Multimodal Access Grant. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to adopt Resolution 2021-07. All voted "Aye".

e. Resolution 2021-08: Public Entity Partners "Drivers Safety" Grant for Fire Dept.

This resolution will allow the City Fire Department to apply for this grant that will provide new computers for training. Councilman Hill made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve Resolution 2021-08. All voted "Aye".

f. Resolution 2021-09: Cash Match for the 21/22 TDOT Multimodal Access Grant

This resolution will approve the City of Bolivar to do a cash match of 5% if they are awarded the 2021-2022 TDOT Multimodal Access Grant which will provide the Hwy 64 Pedestrian and Bicycle Path. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Resolution 2021-09. All voted "Aye".

g. Appoint City of Attorney

The City Attorney, Steve Maroney, was appointed as the 26th Judicial Chancellor and had to resign as our city attorney. The City of Bolivar put announcements out of the open position and in return received two resumes. Attorney Earnest Brooks, II and Attorney Abby Odom with the law firm Minor, Johnson, and Douglas. Mayor McTizic asked Mr. Brooks if he would like to come to the front and present his resume to the Council. Once Mr. Brooks finished, the council discussed the two options for the city attorney position. After much discussion, the Council voted. Councilman Crawford, Councilman Golden, Councilman Hill, Councilman Lowe, and Councilman Rhea all voted for Ms. Odom and Councilman McKinnie, Councilman Spinks and Councilman Woods voted for Mr. Brooks. Ms. Odom with Minor, Johnson, and Douglas won the appoint with a 5 to 3 vote.

h. ScanPro 3000

The planned presenter, Ms. Deborah Carrier that is part of the Friends of the Library group, was absent so Mayor McTizic did a brief summary of this new device proposal for the library. The Mayor explained to the board that the city has 48% of the Library and the county has 52%. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lowe to approve for the city to pay their portion up to \$5,000 as long as the county paid their portion. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

There being no further business, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder