

Bolivar City Council Meeting  
June 13, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

**Present:**

Mayor Julian McTizic  
Councilman Larry Crawford  
Councilman Melvin Golden  
Councilman Dylan Hill  
Councilman Larry McKinnie  
Councilman Suzanne Rhea  
Councilman Carolyn Spinks

**Absent:**

Councilman Todd Lowe  
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins, Anthony Ford, Darrell Teubner, Anna Cash, and Kevin Deaton with West TN Healthcare

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 Hill 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 May 9, 2022 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All those in attendance voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- a. The mayor wished his wife Demetria a very happy birthday!
- b. Mayor McTizic announced city offices will be closed June 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Juneteenth and July 4<sup>th</sup> for Independence Day
- c. The mayor told the council and audience that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Red, White, and Bolivar will be held July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. There will be local entertainment by Mr. Caleb Minter, great fireworks and local food trucks. He invited everyone to come out to enjoy the event.
- d. Mayor McTizic invited the Council members to a Retirement Fish Fry Luncheon for Mr. Curtis Stack. Curtis is retiring on June 30<sup>th</sup> and has been with the city for 30 years.
- e. The mayor announced there will be a Juneteenth celebration held at Sand Beach Lake on June 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by NAACP and Black History Committee. Everyone is invited!
- f. The Mayor and Council discussed a date and time for a Special Called Meeting to hold the public hearings and 2 readings of the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment Ordinances, and the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget Ordinance. The date was set for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Electric – Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Board met on May 31, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- The Board passed the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget
- Staff changes were announced:
  - a. Tommy Zawacki will retire after 43 years of service
  - b. Josh Derryberry will be the new Manager of Operations and Maintenance
  - c. Eric Strobe will move to Staking and Safety Manager
  - d. Will Ross will be the new Engineering Aide
  - e. March Gooch will be the Fiber Manager

### **Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director (absent)**

The Utility Board met June 1, 2022 and the following recommendations to City Council:

- Approved purchasing the property behind utility shop on Jackson Street from Delphus Hicks for \$25,000.00
- Approved the 2022-2023 Utility Budget presented
- Approved that the funds from the Utility Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) be released to the City for economic development
- Gas prices for June 2022 are \$1.24

### **Fire – Chief Lynn Price**

- Total fire calls – 16 (10 city, 6 county)
- Training hours – 302
- Smoke alarms installed – 18
- Fire Code Inspections – 17
- Public Relations Events- 4
- Department personnel participated in events at Bolivar Central High School and hosted tour groups from Hornsby Elementary as well as Toone Elementary Schools.
- Engineer Remington Breeden resigned effective May 26, 2022, citing his acceptance of a job out of state. We are currently advertising to fill this position.

### **Police – Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service – 733
- Citations – 251
- Accidents – 26 (0 fatal, 5 injuries, 21 property damage)
- Arrests – 43 (12 juvenile, 31 adult)
- Special events- 4 THSO DUI Saturation
- Training Hours- 264 HRS
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch on May 6th

### **Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director**

- We are into our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the youth summer golf league. The players are learning and having a great time. We will continue to the end of July.
- The line dance exercise class for adults is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm. The attendance and support continue to be great.
- The construction of the playground at Sand Beach Lake is almost complete but there are couple of finishing touches that need to be made.
- The opening of the city pool has been delayed due to the pool pump going out. We hope to have it open within the next week.
- We will offer swim lessons as well as an adult water aerobics class on Fridays. There will also be an opportunity for you to take part in our Jr. Lifeguard program. This will allow them a chance to help around the pool and eventually prepare to be a lifeguard.

### **Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent (absent)**

- Picking up leaves and brush
- Cutting grass
- Working and pressure washing sidewalks
- Extended pipe on Rogers Ave
- Sold our 2020 Peterbilt side-arm garbage truck
- July will start bulky item pick up

### **Library, Becky White, Director(absent)**

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, & Faxes- \$904.00
- Total Programs- 5
- Total Participates- 75
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,380, Computer Users- 240, Wi Fi Users- 1,017, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 606

### **Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations – 12
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 6
- Plumbing Inspections – 6
- Mechanical Inspections – 6
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25

### **EMS- Kevin Deaton**

- Total Responses for May- 248

### **Devco- Mayor McTizic**

- One of the sponsors for Red, White, and Bolivar
- Music on the square has started back

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

a. **Approval for Allison Hazelwood to be appointed to Library Board**

Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval for Allison Hazelwood to be appointed to the Library Board. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ms. Hazelwood to be appointed to the Library Board. All those in attendance voted "Aye".

b. **New City Judge Appointment**

Mayor McTizic announced upon the retirement of Judge Cathy Frost last month the city is without a judge. An announcement was made about the open position and the city received 4 applicants. The applicants were attorneys Anna D. Cash, Blake Sain, Colin Rosser, and Harriet Thompson. The mayor opened the floor for nominations. Councilman Golden nominated Anna Cash, Councilman Crawford nominated Blake Sain, and Councilman McKinnie nominated Harriet Thompson. The floor was then opened up for roll call voting. Councilman Golden and Councilman Spinks voted for Anna Cash, Councilman Crawford voted for Blake Sain, and Councilman Hill, Councilman McKinnie, and Councilman Rhea voted for Harriet Thompson. Ms. Thompson won the roll call vote receiving 3 votes, Anna Cash receiving 2 votes and Blake Sain receiving 1 vote. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to approve Harriet Thompson as the new City Judge, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve Ms. Thompson as the new City Judge. Councilman Golden, Councilman Hill, Councilman McKinnie and Councilman Rhea all voted "Aye". Councilman Crawford and Councilman Spinks voted "No". The motion passed with 4 votes.

c. **Bid Opening for Phase One of the EMS Building**

Sealed bids were accepted for phase one of the EMS building. The city received 2 bids for the work that was part of phase one. The first bid was opening and was from Warriors Center Job Skills Training Program for \$46,185.00. The second sealed bid was opened from Hayes Herron for \$247,800.00. After much discussion, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to accept the bid for phase one of the EMS building from the Warrior Center in the amount of \$46,185.00. Councilman Crawford voted "No". All others presented voted "Aye".

d. **Approval of Chamber Lease Agreement**

The Hardeman County Chamber of Commerce is using a city owned building. Mayor McTizic had a lease agreement made for the building. The lease agreement will be between the city and the chamber. After a brief discussion on the building, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to accept the lease as written. All presented voted "Aye".

e. **Approval for using LGIP account for economic development**

The Mayor asked the Council for approval to use money from a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account for economic development. This account was started in the early 1990's and the general fund account has

\$401,688.29 in it month to date. The Mayor also asked the Council for approval to use the Gas Revenue LGIP account for economic development infrastructure. This account has \$1,477,706.08 in it month to date. Mayor McTizic informed the Council that the Bolivar Utility Board had already approved that the Gas Revenue LGIP be used for the economic development infrastructure. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the General Fund LGIP account for economic development and the Gas Revenue LGIP account for economic development infrastructure. All present voted "Aye".

f. **Second Reading of Ordinance 22-003: Amend Title 7 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Book by adding a Chapter 5 for Open Burning Regulations and Permits**

Second reading of Ordinance 22-003 which will amend Title 7 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Book by adding a Chapter 5 regarding open burning regulations and permits. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 22-003, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 22-003. There being no questions Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the second reading of Ordinance 22-003. All present voted "Aye".

g. **Second Reading of Ordinance 22-004: Amend Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 8-102 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Book by allowing the Beer Board to vote on Special Events Permits**

Second reading of Ordinance 22-004 which will amend Title 8, Chapter 1, Section 8-102 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Book by allowing the Beer Board to vote on Special Events Permits. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 22-004, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 22-003. There being no questions Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the second reading of Ordinance 22-004. Councilman Crawford abstained from the vote. All other present voted "Aye".

h. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-005: Amend Ordinance 21-002 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget (ARPA Grant)**

Ordinance 22-005 is amending Ordinance 21-002 for fiscal year 21-22 budget. This ordinance accounts for the first payment of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the city received. This was an additional \$732,289.00 in revenue for 21-22 fiscal year. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ordinance 22-005 amending Ordinance 21-002. All present voted "Aye".

i. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-006: Amend Ordinance 21-002 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget**

Ordinance 22-006 is budget amendments to Ordinance 21-002 for fiscal year 21-22. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve Ordinance 22-006 amending budget Ordinance 21-002. All voted "Aye".

j. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-007: Budget and Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Ordinance 22-007 is proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. The budget outlines revenues and expenditures for each department. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve Ordinance 22-007, budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. All voted "Aye".

**Community Development:** None

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

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder