

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, November 10, 2025, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Larry McKinnie
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Chris Williams
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Caroline Miller

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Leon McNeal, Brandon Burvee, Jerry Avent, and Bethany Miller.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. The mayor then asked Councilmember Woods to lead the group in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the October 6, 2025 regular scheduled meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the October 6, 2025 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- A. Mayor McTizic thanked everyone who came out to the Bicentennial events and to everyone that helped make it successful.
- B. The mayor thanked everyone who attended the Governor's Conference.
- C. Mayor McTizic announced the city offices will be closed on November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- D. The mayor announced that the city employees will be doing a food drive and asked the councilmembers to contribute if possible. He also gave out the number to the local Loaves and Fishes and asked that the councilmembers give the number out to those in need.
- E. The mayor announced that the city's Christmas parade will be held on December 6th at 6:00 pm.

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on October 27, 2025 for their regularly monthly meeting. The following action was taken by the Board:

- The BEA Board approved the 2025 fiscal year audit. The audit was clean with no findings.
- BEA offices will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving.

Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on November 5, 2025 and discussed the following:

- Lightwave Energy has completed their work at the water plant.
- The construction of the 40x60 building at the gas shop will start in the middle of November.
- TJ Construction will begin replacing the galvanized water lines the first of December.
- Gas prices are at \$0.74 for November.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price (Absent)

- Total Fire Calls- 97 (86 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 67 (67 city, 0 county)
- Training Hours- 226
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 9
- Fire Code Inspections- 15
- Public Relations Event- 4

Police- Mayor McTizic

- Calls for service- 674
- Citations- 190
- Accidents- 26 (0 fatal, 8 injuries, 18 property damages)
- Arrest- 40 (7 juvenile, 33 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force- 10, BBQ Blowout, BCHS Pep Rally, Cook out for the Bicentennial Birthday, Cook out for Pee Wee Football, Community Cookout for Pine Meadows
- Training Hours- 252

Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director

- The 6-8 and 9-10 year old coed youth basketball league registration began on November 10th and will end on December 5th.
- The adult volleyball league has not started and we are looking for at least one more team to participate.
- The city's youth soccer ended on October 16th.
- The disc golf tournament at Pleasant Run on Saturday November 1st went well and had a good turnout.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Tons taken to landfill: 120.07 for residential ,285.83 tons for commercial, for a total of 405.90 tons of trash. Brush 95.37 tons.
- Mowing and bush hogging.
- Prepped and assisted with the Bolivar BBQ Blowout.
- Bulky item pick up ended on October 31st.
- We will begin prepping for Christmas this month.

Library- Becky White, Director (absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,713.65
- Total Programs: 29, Total Participates: 306
- Estimated patronage: 883
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 38, Guests- 51
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,188, Computer Users-279, Wi Fi users- 2,956, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-576, History Room Visits- 16

Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations-7
- Building Permits Written- 5

- Building Inspections- 3
- Plumbing Inspections- 3
- Mechanical Inspections- 1
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 30

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill (absent)

- Hosted week long celebrations for Bicentennial week.
- Continued preparations for Small Town. Big Christmas.
- Lead the Timeless Treasures group on a day trip to Discovery Park of America.
- Completed preparations for Timeless Treasures trip to Pigeon Forge.

Old Business:

A. Second Reading of Ordinance 25-011 Occupancy Tax

Mayor McTizic presented the council an Ordinance that will allow the city to collect 4% occupancy tax. He noted that a Resolution was passed on this already in 2023 but MTAS has suggested the city pass an Ordinance. This collection will begin on January 1, 2026. There was some discussion regarding families that live in the local hotels and how expensive the weekly rates were already without the 4% being collected. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive meeting to a Public Hearing, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn from Executive meeting to a Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". The mayor then asked the public if there were any comments or concerns regarding Ordinance 25-011, there being no comments Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to reconvene to Executive meeting. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to reconvene to Executive meeting. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked the councilmembers if there was any other discussion on Ordinance 25-011 on Occupancy Tax Rate. There being no further comments, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 25-011. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve Ordinance 25-011. Councilmember McKinnie and Woods voted "Nay". All others voted "Aye". Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement with Haywood County: Fire, Rescue, and EMS

Mayor McTizic brought before the council an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement with Haywood County Fire Department. This agreement states the parties involved will provide Firefighting, Rescue, and EMS assistance to each other when needed. The mayor noted that it is the same Interlocal agreement the city enters with other surrounding fire departments. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement between Haywood County Fire Department and City of Bolivar Fire Department. All present voted "Aye".

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder