

Bolivar City Council Meeting
December 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, December 12, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

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

Others present: Michael Brown, Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Asst. Chief Michion Gatlin, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare, friends and family of Bolivar Central football players being recognized.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Ricky Watkins 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 November 14, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor announced that city offices will be closed December 23rd, 26th, and 27th for Christmas and January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.
- b. Mayor McTizic then asked Judge Harriet Thompson and newly appointed Councilman Michael Brown to come to the front for his oath of office and swearing in. After, Councilman Brown was sworn in and took his oath of office he was seated with the other Councilmembers.
- c. The mayor asked the Council members for approval to appoint Mayor Pulse and reappoint Scott Ledbetter to the DEVCO board. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve Mayor Pulse and reappoint Scott Ledbetter to the DEVO board. All voted "Aye".
- d. Mayor McTizic recognized 4 members of the Bolivar Central Football team that made All-Region this year. Carson Howell, Cuaron Price, Josiah Clark, and Marcus Harris. Mayor McTizic presented the guys with a certificate of achievement and thanked them for their hard work this season.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on November 28, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the board:

- The Board approved the new uniform policy for BEA employees. Employees in safety sensitive position will be given a yearly allowance to purchase uniforms.

- Move the December Board meeting to December 27th.
- Holidays- will be closed 22nd, 23rd, and 26th for Christmas and December 30th for New Years.
- Fiber Update- City of Bolivar is 95% complete with 240 customers connected. All main line fiber is hung in Hornsby area. Main line crews working in Toone area currently.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met on December 7th, 2022 in regular meeting and discussed the following:

- The Utility department had their 3rd State Gas Inspection from TPUC on Tuesday. No violations, or non-compliances sited.
- Hopefully we will be starting our CDBG project over the next few weeks. We will be replacing 2 main sewer lift stations at Martindale Street and Ruby Lane.
- Gas prices for December are \$1.01/ccf.

Fire – Asst. Chief Michion Gatlin

- Total fire calls – 33 (20 city, 13 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0
- Training hours – 185
- Smoke alarms installed – 25
- Fire Code Inspections – 9
- Public Relations Events- 0
- Bid opening: The Fire Department advertised for sealed bids to replace their source capture exhaust system. There were 2 bids submitted for the project, one from MagneGrip and the other from EDI. MagneGrip submitted a bid for \$58,148.00 and EDI submitted their bid for \$68,347.00. It was requested that the Fire Department be able to look over all the specifications before accepting the lowest bid from MagneGrip. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to accept the lowest bid from MagneGrip pending the Fire Department reviewing specifications. All voted “Aye”.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 462
- Citations – 48
- Accidents – 21 (0 fatal, 1 injury, 20 property damage)
- Arrests – 25 (8 juvenile, 17 adult)
- Special events- none
- Training Hours- 148 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- New stationary adult exercise equipment has been received from Be More/UT Extension and will be installed this week at Sand Beach Lake Park.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The adult volleyball games continue on Thursdays and will end January 5th.
- The 6-10 year old youth basketball league registration has ended. We will be having a draft this week.
- The fence on field #3 at the city park was damaged at the outfield and will plan to repair next month.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Working on Christmas decorations around town
- January will begin bulky item pick up
- Picking up litter on streets
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$661.85

- Total Programs: 7, Total Participates: 48
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,911, Computer Users- 133, Wi Fi Users- 1,655 READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 557

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 8
- Building permits written– 5
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 3
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 20

Planning Commission- Melvin Golden, Council Representative

The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met in a regular scheduled meeting on November 21, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to review and discuss the following:

- Subdivision Plat review for Keven and Trina Daniels. They applied to create 3 lots out of 2 lots. Lots 2 and 3 need additional acreage to meet the minimum lot size required in R-1 zone. Lot 1 meets all requirements. The subdivision plat was approved under the conditions the Daniels provide a new plat showing the additional acreage of Lots 2 and 3.
- Subdivision Plat review for Jack’s Restaurant. They are proposing making 3 lots into 1 lot. The lots are located on W. Market St and Tennessee St. All subdivision elements and certificates are in compliance and meets all subdivision requirements. The subdivision plat was approved for Jack’s Restaurant.
- Site Plan review for Jack’s Restaurant was submitted for a proposed restaurant with a drive thru. The site is zoned B-1 and the plan submitted meets all requirements. The site plan for Jack’s Restaurant was approved.

EMS- Bobby Thompson

- Total Responses for November- 283, 127 emergency and 156 non-emergencies. 231 transports. Scenes- 249 in city and 6 in county. 9 other MCEMS unit calls (mutual aid).

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Attended and completed TCED course on Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development.
- Met with local farmers and agriculture business men about a possible Community Ag Day.
- Overseeing the progress on the soon-to-be tourism hub and co-working space in the old Chamber building. We are hopeful that we will be in that building soon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Resolution 2022-14: Authorizing Gas Purchaser to Pre-buy Gas from TEAC

This Resolution authorizes the City Council (“Gas Purchaser”) to execute an amendment to its gas supply agreement with Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corporation (TEAC) in connection with the reset of the available discount in TEAC’s gas prepayment project and related matters. This was a 30-year contract with TEAC to pre-buy gas with a guarantee discount, with a 5-year option for extension. The last 5-year

contract proved to be beneficial to the city utilities with the pre-buy savings. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Resolution 2022-14. 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:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder