

Bolivar City Council Meeting
October 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, October 18, 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

Absent:

Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Lynn Price, Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Becky White, Bolivar Middle School softball team, representatives from CareMed and representatives from 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 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 September 13, 2021 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic asked the Bolivar Middle School Softball Team and Coaches to come to the front for recognition. The team had an overall season record of 19 wins with only 2 loses. They also won the Hardeman County Championship series second year in a row.
- b. Mayor McTizic announced City of Bolivar Employee Appreciation Day on October 21, 2021 and let Councilman Hill tell the guests and other Council members about the activities planned. Councilman Hill along with the Hardeman County Country Club is hosting an appreciation day for all city employees as well as Bolivar Energy Authority employees that included a lunch, a day of golf, cornhole and other fun activities for all employees.
- c. The Mayor then announce the dates for the Bolivar BBQ Blowout event coming up and let Councilman Rhea give details about all that was planned for the fun filled event.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met September 27, 2021 for the regularly scheduled meeting. The following was discussed and approved:

- Approved the hire of Fayette Janitorial Service to clean BEA building 3 nights a week.
- Approved the sale of the skid steer through auction. BEA will use JJ Kane Inc for the auction.
- Agreed to allow BEA to close half a day on October 21st to participate in Appreciation Day at the Hardeman County Country Club.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on October 6, 2021, the following was discussed and approved:

- The Utility Board forwarded a recommendation to approve a bid from R. Jones Underground for the replacement of natural gas pipes on Hwy 57. Councilman Lowe made a motion, second by Councilman Crawford to approve the bid from R. Jones Underground. All voted “Aye”.
- R. Jones Contractors have finished the gas relocation project on old Hwy 64.
- We will light pilot lights from October 15th through November 30th free of charge. The Utility Department is asking everyone to be patient, because they are extremely busy this time of year.
- Gas prices for September \$0.79
- Everything else routine

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 18 (11 city, 7 county)
- Training hours – 302
- Smoke alarms installed – 5
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 2
- The department set up at Wal-Mart from September 1-3, 2021, to collect donation for the victims of the Waverly flooding. We transported two trailers full of non-perishable goods to Waverly during the week of September 6, 2021. In addition, we were able to purchase 40 \$100 gift cards that were transferred to the local emergency management agency for distribution to Waverly residents. We are so very thankful for the generosity of the residents of Bolivar.
- Annual firefighter physicals and cancer screenings were completed during the month of September.
- We provided fire suppression coverage for the demolition derby at the Tennessee Forest Festival.
- We held our annual training weekend from September 22-25, 2021. During the weekend, firefighters trained in Air Management & Conservation techniques in our air management facility, Vanessa K. Free driver safety, and the Traffic Incident Management System (TIMS). We would like to thank Lt. William Futrell of the Tennessee Highway Patrol for instruction the TIMS training for our department personnel.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 583
- Citations – 156
- Accidents – 24(1 fatal, 9 injuries, 14 property damage)
- Arrests – 25 (3 juvenile, 22 adult)
- Special events- 7 THSO DUI Saturations
- Training Hours- 70 HRS

- Chief Jones asked for approval for a bid from Economy Roofing and Siding. This particular project was bid out and voted on in June. The original company that won the bid is no longer able to do the project so we have gone back to the second bidder. Since the original bid the prices of materials have gone up and his bid is no longer valid. Economy Roofing sent in another bid for a total of \$11,280.00 due. Council McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Golden to approve the new bid from Economy Roofing. All voted "Aye".

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

- We worked on erosion problems at Pleasant Run Creek Park and have been working on more tree removal and dirt work at Sand Beach Lake
- We had a bid opening for work to be performed at Sand Beach Lake playground.
- Routine maintenance
- Mr. Curtis asked the board for approval for a bid from Graves & Graves Construction to do work at Sand Beach Lake playground. This was the only bid submitted for the project. The bid submitted was for \$94,000.00. Councilman Lowe made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve the bid of \$94,000.00 from Graves & Graves Construction. All voted "Aye".

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

- Our 5-13 year old soccer league has started playing games and they are going well so far. We have had 2 rainout games.
- Our adult volleyball league registration began on October 15th and will end on November 5th.
- We will begin our adult basketball league registration in November.
- The 2nd Saturday Get Healthy Community Walk at Sand Beach Lake was held on October 9th in conjunction with Breast Cancer and Alzheimer's Walk and Run. We had over 100 participants.
- 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
- Repairing catch basins
- Bulky item pick up is going on all of October
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

The Planning Commission met in a special called meeting on September 30, 2021 to discuss and review the following:

- The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met to review plans to re-zone of property on Polk Road- Tax Map 079 Parcel 001.00 approximately 41.8 acres from R-1/R-3 to R-2. The Commission voted to rezone this property during the special called meeting. However, after the meeting had adjourned our staff planner did additional research and for the purpose the land is going to be used for a R-3 was adequate zoning for this project. At this time, there needs to be no rezoning of the property.

Library – Becky White, Director

- Financials: \$772.60 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 10 with 41 participants
- Circulation report – Material Circulation- 736, Computer users 251, Wi Fi users 1,650, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 445

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilman Suzanne Rhea

- The Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission met in a special called session Thursday September 30, 2021 to discuss and review the following:
 - a. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for Simon’s Fish Camp and Grill signage was approved. This new business is located at 103 W. Market Street.

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 12
- Building permits written– 4
- Building Inspections – 2
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 30

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. Second 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. At the time Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Hill to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye”. There being no public questions nor comments, Councilman Crawford made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye”. Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 21-005. There being no questions, Councilman Lowe made a motion, second by Councilman Hill to approve Ordinance 21-005 to amend Bolivar zoning map plans in this area. All voted “Aye”.

b. Approval to open a new bank for the American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval to open up a new bank account that will be for the federal funds the city will receive from the American Rescue Act. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Crawford to approve the opening of a new bank account for the American Rescue Funds allocation. All voted “Aye”.

c. Approval for expense to move a building gifted to City of Bolivar

A building was donated to the City of Bolivar by a private school in Shelby County. The city is responsible for paying to have the building moved from its current location in Shelby County. This building will be put out at Sand Beach Lake. The estimated cost to move the building is around \$16,000.00. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Rhea to approve the expense of moving the donated building. All voted “Aye”.

d. Introduction to CareMed and their offer to Bolivar

Mayor McTizic gave a brief introduction to CareMed then representatives took the floor to tell the Council and guests more about their company and what they offer. CareMed is a privately owned ambulance service that would like to move in and service the City of Bolivar. After the introduction, the Council had a few questions for the company. Mayor McTizic then asked West Tennessee Healthcare if they would like to say anything to the Council. This company owns the hospital here in Bolivar and came to the Mayor days before the Council meeting and would like to provide an ambulance service as well to the entire county. West TN Healthcare asked the council if they would allow more time before making a decision on who should provide the service. West TN Healthcare was in negotiations with County Mayor Jimmy Sain. The Council had a discussion and it was decided they will wait and bring this back to the table for discussion at the next Council meeting in November. Councilman Crawford made a motion to give West TN Healthcare 30 days to finish negotiations with the county. There was not a second so motion failed. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Rhea and Councilman Spinks to table the conversation until the next Council meeting on November 8, 2021. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder