

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session Monday, January 13, 2020, with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Larry Crawford
Melvin Golden
Jonathan Joy
Todd Lowe
Larry McKinnie
Suzanne Rhea
Carol Spinks

Absent:

Page Walley

Others Present: Atty. Steve Maroney, Shelia Dellinger, Don and Ann Cherry, Sarah Rice, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Lynn Price, Barrett Stevens, Rep. Johnny Shaw, Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins

Those present were welcomed by Mayor McTizic. At this time, Councilman Larry Crawford opened the meeting with prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: After review of the minutes from the December 9th meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Crawford, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve them as written. All voted "Aye".

Mayor's Report

Mayor McTizic asked that everyone please keep Officer Rhonda Bonds family in our prayers since her untimely death. Thank you to the Police Dept. for their participation with her services and also for the Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Dept. for covering our city during this time.

The office will be closed Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be a parade Saturday, January 18th at 2:00 PM to commemorate this day. Everyone is invited to attend. Councilman Jonathan Joy will also sponsor a luncheon for this holiday on January 20th at 12:30 PM at Mount Salem Church.

At this time, Mayor McTizic introduced Rep. Johnny Shaw. Representative Shaw gave legislative updates in regards to the new driver's license requirement, our Mega Site, health care costs, broadband in rural areas, provision of Pre-K for all children with transportation and also announced you can apply for a gun permit online but will still have to go through a background check. In closing, he stated his state office is always open and welcomes anyone to stop by anytime.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met December 30, 2019. The following was discussed and approved:

- The use of an auction company to sell old line trucks

- BEA Economic and Developmental fund policy
- The BEA non-disclosure Agreement
- BEA will be closed January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met Wednesday January 8th and discussed the following:

- Ms. Laura Hall, Chamber of Commerce Director presented the Hardeman County Chamber Work-plan Update.
- Mr. Robert Stigall, Engineer, will be here next week to finalize the specifications of the CDBG grant project. Bid packets are forth coming.
- BUD received the Property Conservation Matching Grant from PE Partners to install security cameras at the Water Treatment Plant. These cameras will be installed this month.
- Gas prices for the month of January remain at .65 cents.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

The following statistics are reported from the Fire Dept. for the month of December:

- Total fire calls – 21 (16 city, 5 county)
- Training hours – 271
- Smoke alarms installed – 17
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 16
- The fire dept. participated in (1) fire safety educational event at Grand Junction Elementary, (4) public relations events.
- Annual firefighter fitness testing was conducted in December
- Volunteer Fire Fighter Nick Rose was hired to fill the position of William Turner who transferred to the Police Dept.
- The department also honored Firefighter of the Year William Turner and Community Service Volunteer of the Year, Antionette Price during its Christmas dinner.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

Service Report for December is as follows:

- Calls for service – 675
- Citations – 163
- Accidents – 14 (2 injuries, 12 property damage)
- Arrests – 22 (1 juvenile, 21 adult)
- Special events included – Christmas Parade, MADD Outstanding Dept. Award, THSO Seatbelt Award to Officer Munoz, THSO Child Safety Award – Officer Wilkerson

Councilman McKinnie commented on the outstanding job the Honor Guard gave at Officer Bonds homegoing service. She would have been very proud.

Parks/Recreation – Curtis Stack, Director

The following is reported for the Parks/Recreation Dept.

- We have a full schedule of basketball leagues with the 35 and up, Friday Night Hoops, Coed Youth 6-8 and 9-10 year olds
- Adult pickle ball and aerobics classes continues
- We continue to work at Sand Beach lake and are renovating the Hatchie River Park sign
- Mr. Gerald Parish informed us that we should be receiving the LPRF Grant contract soon

- Other activities and maintenance are routine

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent (absent)

- Trash pickup along the city streets
- Cleaning ditches and culverts
- Fixed potholes
- Finished taking down and storing Christmas decorations
- The leaf truck is down but parts have been ordered and should be in soon
- January is bulky item pickup month

Sanitation pick up:

- Residential-128.84 tons
 - Commercial – 294.84 tons
- Total = 423.68 tons

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

The Planning Commission did not meet in the month of December

Library – Becky White, Director

- Financials: \$1047.32 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 6 with 172 participants
- Circulation report – Computer users 382, Wi Fi users 3,358

Senior Citizens Center – Peggy Adelman (absent)

- The Seniors were treated to a Christmas movie at the Luez Theatre on Dec. 10th. Afterward, everyone gathered at the Center for a Christmas party
- Breakfast at Joe’s Restaurant on Dec 18th compliments of Louise Stallings, Alba Glasscock, Annie Jamerson and Loretta Adkins
- December birthday celebration on December 31st with cake and ice cream
- Visits from representatives of Medicare and Legacy Hospice.

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilman Suzanne Rhea

The Historic Zoning Commission did not meet in the month of December.

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

The following is reported for the month of December 2019:

- Building Consultations – 5
- Building permits – 0
- Building Inspections – 20
- Plumbing Inspections – 17
- Mechanical Inspections – 17
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 12
- Issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Big Wave’s

The Home Grant is still in the works with two houses being renovated.

DevCo – Mayor McTizic

DevCo will meet later this month on January 27th at 5:00 PM.

Main Street – Mayor McTizic stated there will be an update at next month’s meeting but wanted to commend the Main Street committee on the good job performed for our Christmas Parade last month.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Discuss Lease Agreement between City of Bolivar and Hardeman County Democratic Party

The Democratic Party wishes to end the Lease agreement pertaining to the utilization of the old Chamber of Commerce building. A letter of notification was sent to the Mayor and City Council stating they were terminating the lease. There were no monies involved with this agreement.

Mayor McTizic read the letter from Meryl Rice, Secretary of the Hardeman County Democratic Party. No one had a problem with dissolving the lease, however, Mr. Maroney suggested sending them an official notice of the finalization.

B. Discussion of providing additional trash cans for residents and the cost

Since the new garbage cans have been in place, the city has received numerous calls from some residents stating they need additional cans. Currently, each household received a can at no cost which is emptied once a week. The City cannot afford to furnish extra cans at no cost. After reviewing this situation, it was suggested that the resident be charged a one-time fee of \$25 for the can plus \$5.00 per month for emptying the can. After a brief discussion regarding the fees, Councilman McKinnie made a motion to allow the \$25.00 charge for the can but not the monthly \$5.00 fee. This was seconded by Councilman Crawford. All voted “Aye” for just the \$25.00 one-time charge.

Community Development Session – None

With no other business to discuss, Councilman McKinnie motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Golden. Meeting was adjourned.

Attest: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator

Mayor Julian McTizic