

Bolivar City Council Meeting
November 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, November 14, 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: 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, Leon McNeal, Caroline Miller, Brenda Woods, Michion E. Gatlin, Chris and Ashley Williams, Ruby Kirby, Andrea and Eddie Henson, Sherry Hoyle, Ginny Davis, Darrell Teubner, and Ellery Herron.

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 Woods 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 October 3, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor announced there will be a Blue Oval City Community meeting with Ford on November 17th at 6:00 PM at the Luez Theater.
- b. City offices will be closed November 24th and 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.
- c. The mayor announced there will be a Mo Town Christmas concert on December 1, 2022 and more details to be given by Dylan Hill.
- d. Mayor McTizic invited the Council members to the City Employee Christmas event on December 2, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. to be held at the AgriBusiness building at the Fairgrounds.
- e. Mayor McTizic recognized Ms. Andrea Henson and Ms. Sherry Hoyle. Ms. Henson is a nurse at West TN Healthcare in Bolivar, and has been there for over 20 years. She was recently honored as the top clinical nurse in the state by Tennessee Hospital Association at their 2022 annual meeting. Ms. Hoyle is a Communities in Schools of Tennessee site coordinator at Bolivar Central High School. She was recently named the national Communities in Schools All In for Students Award recipient. The mayor congratulated both ladies and presented them with a token of appreciation to let them know how thankful he is for their dedication to the community.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

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

- Alexander Thompson & Arnold presented the Fiscal Year 21-22 Audit. There were no findings in the audit. The Board accepted the 21-22 fiscal year audit.
- The Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal was approved by the Board with a 6% increase in monthly premiums.
- Approval was given by the Board to start the process of increasing the President/CEO purchasing limit from \$50,000-\$70,000. This is to deal with the increasing cost of material.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met on November 2nd, 2022 in regular meeting and discussed the following:

- ARP application has been turned in.
- Waiting to hear if we will receive the PHMSA grant, will hopefully hear by end of the month.
- Gas prices are down for November- \$0.85 per cubic feet

Fire – Asst. Chief Michion Gatlin

- Total fire calls – 25 (16 city, 9 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0
- Training hours – 274
- Smoke alarms installed – 23
- Fire Code Inspections – 12
- Public Relations Events- 8
- The department participated in 8 public relations events including station tours for PreK through 1st grade students from Bolivar, Hornsby, and Toone elementary schools. A total of 443 students participated in this year's annual fire preventions and education station tours.
- We hosted the Fire & Emergency Services Festival on October 15, 2022, with approximately 25 agencies & organizations participating and approximately 100 people who attended throughout the day. This was our first year hosting the event since COVID- 19 pandemic began.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 572
- Citations – 135
- Accidents – 25 (0 fatal, 7 injuries, 18 property damage)
- Arrests – 31 (9 juvenile, 22 adult)
- Special events- Trunk or Treat, Bolivar BBQ Blowout
- Training Hours- 127 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- Youth soccer ended on October 27th and the season was exciting and fun for all.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The adult volleyball games began on Thursday, November 10th.
- The 6-10 year old youth basketball league will begin its registration next week. We will be partnering with the Junior Grizzlies organization again this season.
- We have completed the repairs to the playground equipment on Hwy 64. There were several pieces that had deteriorated over the years and have now been replaced with new parts.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Working on Christmas decorations downtown
- Helped with Mayor's Luncheon and Bolivar BBQ Blowout set up

- Bushing hogging around city and Industrial Park
- Picked up bulky items during October and that was successful
- Picking up litter on streets
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$951.40
- Total Programs: 7, Total Participates: 162
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 2,019, Computer Users- 221, Wi Fi Users- 3,052 READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 751

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 6
- Building permits written– 1
- Building Inspections – 9
- Plumbing Inspections – 9
- Mechanical Inspections – 8
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25

EMS- Bobby Thompson

- Total Responses for October- 260 and 198 transports

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Held a meeting with Shane Conner of Faith and Family Events. Mr. Conner will attempt to help us in filling the Luez Theater with concerts and comedians over the coming months. The first event will be A Motown Christmas on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite online.
- 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:

a. Approval to Request Bids on NeighborHub

Mayor McTizic requested approval to advertise and request sealed bids to begin work on the renovations of the NeighborHub building. The Mayor will work with Ricky Watkins, City Building Inspector and Compliance Officer, to get the specifications on the work that needs to be done and then request sealed bids on the project. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to approve the advertisement and request of sealed bids for the renovation project at the NeighborHub building. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

a. Discussion and Voting on Applicants to Fill Vacant Council Seat

Mayor McTizic informed the council there was a total of 4 applicants to fill the vacant city council seat, however 1 applicant did not live in the correct ward (district) to fill the seat. The remaining 3 applicants were Michael Brown, Randy Hill, and Chris Williams. Chris Williams was in attendance and Mayor McTizic asked if he would like to have the floor to introduce himself to the council. After Chris talked to the council, Ellery Herron asked if she could come to the front to speak on behalf of Mr. Williams. Next Dylan Hill asked if he could come to the front to speak on the behalf of his father Randy Hill. Mayor McTizic opened the floor for recommendations from the council on the candidates, Councilman Crawford recommended Chris Williams, Councilman Woods recommended Randy Hill, and

Councilman McKinnie recommended Michael Brown. After discussions, the Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Councilman Golden, Councilman McKinnie, and Councilman Spinks all voted for Michael Brown. Councilman Rhea, and Councilman Woods voted for Randy Hill. Councilman Crawford, and Councilman Lowe voted for Chris Williams. Michael Brown won the vote with 3 votes to 2 votes for Hill and Williams.

b. Resolution 2022-11: Authorizing Mayor McTizic to Accept the Transfer of ARP Funds from Hardeman County For Water/Wastewater

This Resolution will authorize Mayor McTizic to accept the transfer of \$1,250,918.20 from Hardeman County. These federal funds are part of the ARP act and is to be used for eligible drinking water, wastewater, or stormwater projects. These projects must follow the guidelines of TDEC and ARP. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to authorize Mayor McTizic to accept the transfer of the ARP funds. All voted "Aye".

c. Resolution 2022-12: Authorizing the City of Bolivar Fire Department to submit an application for the Property Conservation Matching Grant

This Resolution authorizes the Fire Department to submit an application for the Public Entity Partner's Property Conservation Matching Grant. This grant will help to protect city-owned property. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to authorize the Fire Department to apply for this grant. All voted "Aye".

d. Resolution 2022-13: Tentative CDBG Grant Awarded to Quinn Construction

The Resolution will tentatively award the 2021 CDBG Sewer System Improvements Project Contract to Quinn Construction of Parsons, TN. Their bid price was \$287,000.00 contingent approval from TNECD. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to tentatively award Quinn Construction with the CDBG grant project. All voted "Aye".

Community Development:

- a. Caroline Miller signed the Community Development to address Mayor McTizic and the Council regarding activities in our community for children. Ms. Miller asked if there was anything in the works for the kids requested that they start thinking of having activities for children after school.
- b. Brenda Woods did not sign the Community Development request book but asked to speak. Ms. Woods asked the Council for their support for a Teen Summit 2023. Mayor McTizic asked Ms. Woods to please submit her proposal to the Teen Summit 2023, also noted that the City of Bolivar has always supported Build a Better Bolivar children's program.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder