

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, June 9, 2025, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Larry McKinnie
Councilmember Caroline Miller
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Chris Williams
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilmember Todd Lowe

Others present: Kevin Snider, City Attorney, Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Asst. Chief Eddie Henson, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Darrell Teubner, BJ Bolyard, and Joey Geter.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic 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 May 19, 2025 regular council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve the minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- A. Mayor McTizic noted that the city offices will be closed on June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
- B. The mayor asked the council if everyone was available June 23rd for a Special Called meeting to pass the budget.
- C. Mayor McTizic announced that the swearing in ceremony for the newly elected officials will be held July 1st at Noon.
- D. Red, White, and Bolivar will be held July 3rd.

Public Comments: NONE

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

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

- The board approved the 2025 fiscal year budget.

Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on June 4th and discussed the following:

- The bid opening for the galvanized water line project will be held on June 12th.

- TPUC will be doing an annual inspection this month.
- Gas prices are at \$0.72 for June.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price

- Total Fire Calls- 88 (82 city, 6 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 61 (61 city, 0 county)
- Training Hours- 170
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 12
- Fire Code Inspections- 15
- Public Relations Event- 3

Police- Assistant Chief Eddie Henson

- Calls for service- 633
- Citations- 190
- Accidents- 22 (0 fatal, 6 injuries, 16 property damages)
- Arrest- 66 (14 juvenile, 42 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force -14
- Training Hours- 263

Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director- absent

- The youth summer golf league will begin on Wednesday June 4th.
- The summer basketball camp started today and will run through June.
- We have adult soccer free play in the evenings at the city park.
- We continue to work on the washouts at Pleasant Run Creek Park on the walking trail and work on the grounds at the armory.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Tons taken to landfill: 319.56 commercial, and 131.26 residential for a total of 450.82 tons.
- Continued work on Tate Road.
- Continued grass mowing and weed eating.
- July will be bulky item pick up.

Library- Becky White, Director

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,234.70
- Total Programs: 4, Total Participates: 20, Estimated patronage: 529
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 15, Guests- 27
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,308, Computer Users-287, Wi Fi users- 2,448, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-538, History Room-16, Microfilm Reader usage-3

Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations-5
- Building Permits Written- 1
- Building Inspections- 2
- Plumbing Inspections- 1
- Mechanical Inspections- 1
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 35

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Spoke at the Retired Teacher Luncheon on behalf of Mayor McTizic alongside Mayor Pulse and Representative Shaw.

- Hosted the Timeless Treasures senior adult group on their second outing. They visited Casey Jones Village for lunch and shopping.
- Hosted Music on the Square for Devco on May 23rd.
- The Timbers hosted two events.

Historic Zoning Commission- Councilmember Miller

The Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission met on April 29th to discuss the following:

- Met with State Historic Commission Representative, Stevie Malenowski to discuss the process and actions needed to expand the Bolivar Historical District.
- Toured some of Bolivar’s historical sites with Stevie.
- Discussed the State conducting a Historical Zoning training for the commission members this year.

Bolivar Regional Planning Commission- Councilmember Golden

The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission me on May 27th to review the following:

- Approved the Plans of Services for annexation of city owned land. Forward a positive recommendation.
- Reviewed- BEA property rezoning requests to B-1. Forward a positive recommendation.
- Approved the Claire Shackelford Plat.
- Approved amending the H-1 zoning text on allowed businesses. Forward a positive recommendation.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A. Joey Geter- 2023-2024 Audit

Joey Geter with Cowart Reese Sargent presented the 2023-2024 audit to the councilmembers. He went over the highlights of the audit, and noted that everything was in good standing with clean books. Joey also stated that the auditing team gave the city an unqualified opinion which is the best that can be given. Mayor McTizic asked if there was a motion to approve the 2023-2024 audit, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the 2023-2024 audit. All present voted “Aye”.

B. Approval of Bid Award for NeighborHub Connected Community Grant

Mayor McTizic asked the council for approval of the bid award for the renovation of the NeighborHub building. This renovation is part of the Connected Community Facilities grant. The engineers, TLM Associates, sent a letter recommending the city approve the bid from MSB. The bids that were received were:

- Grinder Taber Grinder, Inc- \$366,839.89 * Whom later withdrew their bid*
- MSB- \$481,000.00
- Design Tean Sign Company- \$527,000.00
- Wagner General Contracting- \$ 599,200.00

Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the bid award to MSB in the amount of \$481,000.00 All present voted “Aye”.

C. First Reading of Ordinance 25-005: An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Bolivar, Chapter 12, Hospital District, Section 10-1203, to Include Select Business Uses

This Ordinance will amend the text of businesses allowed in H-1 district. This amendment of the H-1 district would allow both medical services and associated businesses to coexist and to exclude uses detrimental to the district. Ms. Kim Grice and her business associates requested this amendment, and Mayor McTizic asked Ms. Grice if she would like to tell the council what her intentions are for one of the buildings in the H-1 district. Ms. Grice came before the council and explained what business she would like to put into one of the empty buildings in the district. After some discussion,

Councilmember Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-005 that will amend the H-1 district text allowing other businesses. All present voted "Aye".

D. First Reading of Ordinance 25-006: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bolivar by Rezoning the Property owned by Bolivar Energy Authority on Hwy from R-1 to B-1

This Ordinance will amend the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning the property owned by BEA on Hwy 18 from R-1 to B-1. Although, BEA is grandfathered in to the R-1 zoning for commercial use they requested to be rezoned to B-1 Neighborhood Business. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKinnie to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-006 amending the official zoning map of Bolivar. All present voted "Aye".

E. First Reading of Ordinance 25-007: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 24-001, Relative to the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-25

This Ordinance will amend Ordinance 24-001 which was the annual budget and tax rate for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Mayor McTizic went over key areas of budget amendments and reasoning for those amendments. After discussion and any questions answered, Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-007 amending Ordinance 24-001 the annual budget and tax rate for the 2024-25 fiscal year. All present voted "Aye".

F. First Reading of Ordinance 25-008: An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

This Ordinance will adopt the annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as presented. Mayor McTizic went over the main highlights of the proposed budget, and everything was balanced. The budget did include a 5% cost of living increase for city employees, and longevity. After some discussion on a few questions, Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-008 adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. All present voted "Aye".

G. First Reading of Ordinance 25-009: An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code of the City of Bolivar and Establish Reasonable Court Costs, Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 3-103

This Ordinance will amend Title 3, Chapter 1, Section 3-103 of the City of Bolivar Municipal Code by increasing court cost to \$130.00 from \$125.00. Mayor McTizic explained to the council that this increase is due to increase of costs from the State on certain fines. Councilmember Williams asked Mick Vinson, Municipal Court Clerk, when the last time the city increased its court cost fine. Mr. Vinson answered that it had been around 7 years. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-009 to amend the Municipal Code Book of Bolivar and establish reasonable court costs. All present voted "Aye".

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder