

City of Bolivar Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, June 8, 2020, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Larry McKinnie

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Social Media Director, Katie Little, CPA, Calvin Howell, Don and Ann Cherry, Channel 2

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and thanked the guest for attending. At this time, he asked Councilman Crawford to led the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes and if not was there a motion to approve and dispense with the May 11, 2020, minutes. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the May 11, 2020, minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Mayor McTizic stated his plans are to start back having the regular council meeting in the Council Chambers beginning July 13, 2020.

Mayor McTizic stated the Bolivar Senior Center, Community Room and Gym will remain closed until further notice.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic reported he had spoken with Councilman Larry McKinnie and he was doing much better, he is in Nashville with his son and continuing physical therapy. Councilman McKinnie asked Mayor McTizic to please let everyone know he really appreciates all the prayers, calls and concerns from the City of Bolivar Council and employees.

Mayor McTizic thanked Mr. Donnell Polk and Mr. Smith for the "Awareness and Unity" events that were held on Bolivar Court Square Saturday and Sunday afternoons. There were several hundred of citizens that came out to talk and pray for our city and county. Mayor McTizic thanked all the citizens that participated in these great events.

Committee Reports:

Mayor stated all committee reports were enclosed in the packets; department heads will be back at the July 13th meeting to personally give their reports.

Old Business:

A. Approve Bid Opening for CDBG Grant – Wastewater Department

Mayor McTizic stated Bolivar Utility Department had been awarded the CDBG Grant and opened bids for the project last month. After our engineer, Mr. Robert Stigall, reviewed all bids, it is his recommendation that the lowest responsible bidder, R. Jones Underground in the base bid less deductive alternate nos. 1 and 2 amounts of \$516,193.00, contingent upon concurrence from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, be awarded this contract. The lowest bid from Ensco, did not show their lining subcontractor as required by Section 3.03-E of the specifications. Councilman Larry Crawford moved, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve the bid from R. Jones Underground upon the recommendation of the engineer. All voted "Aye."

New Business:

A. Audit Presentation for fiscal year 2018-19, Cowart Reese Sargent Certified Public Accountants, P.C., Mrs. Kattie Little

Mrs. Little thanked Mayor McTizic and the City Council for allowing Cowart Reese Sargent to do the audit for the City of Bolivar. She expressed her gratitude for the help they received for Lisa and Shelia Dellinger and other staff members. She stated the ladies were doing a great job and were very helpful. Mrs. Little state this was an un-qualified audit, which is the best you can get, with no findings. The total fund balances for the General Governmental Funds is \$3,942,030. The Water and Sewer Departments had a total net income of \$572,325 and the Bolivar Gas Department showed a loss \$60,000 due to the mild winter and lack of gas sales, although the gas fund balance including assets is over 9 million dollars. Mrs. Little stated the City of Bolivar was in financially sound condition. Mayor McTizic thanked Mrs. Little for the presentation and asked for a motion to accept the audit as presented. Councilman Walley made a motion to approve the 2018-19 fiscal year audit, seconded by Councilman Lowe. All voted "Aye."

B. Resolution 20-001, A Resolution Accepting USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant

Mayor McTizic stated this resolution is accepting USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grant to furnish funding for Wi-Fi. There being no questions, Councilman Rhea

made a motion to approve Resolution 20-001 on 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Golden. All voted "Aye."

- C. Resolution 20-002, A Resolution for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant from the TN Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$525,000.00**

Mayor McTizic stated the resolution is approving additional funds from the City of Bolivar Sewer Department to cover the construction cost on the Bolivar 2019 CDBG Project. Councilman Walley made a motion to approve Resolution 20-002, seconded by Councilman Spinks. All voted "Aye."

- D. 1st Reading Ordinance 20-001, An Ordinance to Amend the Bolivar Municipal Code Title 17, Chapter 1 Garbage and Trash, Section's 17-103 through 17-1085**

Mayor McTizic reported this ordinance provides updated information on the new trash cans that the City of Bolivar provided to all residential customers inside the city limits of Bolivar. It also states the containers can be placed at curbside by 6:00 A.M. on the designated collection day and shall be removed from curbside within twenty-four (24) hours after collection. Councilman Joy stated he felt there should be a clause added to help the disabled and handicap residents that cannot get the cans to the curb. After a short discussion, Councilman Rhea moved, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve Ordinance 20-001 on 1st Reading and modify the ordinance on 2nd Reading with an additional clause to help the disable/handicap citizens. All voted "Aye."

- E. 1st Reading Ordinance 20-002, An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 19-003, Relative to the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Mayor McTizic stated a majority of these amendments have already been discussed. A description of the changes from our Financial Manager, Mrs. Lisa Dellinger, have been attached. Without any questions, a motion was made by Councilman Walley, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ordinance 20-002 on 1st Reading. All voted "Aye."

- F. 1st Reading Ordinance 20-003, An Ordinance of the City of Bolivar, TN Adopting the Annual Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021**

Mayor McTizic thanked the budget committee, city council, department heads and administrative staff for the hard work in putting preparing the budget. This budget does not include any capital outlay, pay increases and cuts in all travel and registrations/dues. The State Sales Tax Allocation decreased for the fiscal year 2020-21, along with several other line items of revenue. The health insurance for city employees only increase .05 percent and the dental insurance increased 6 percent. Mayor McTizic stated, due to the COVID 19 pandemic many of our citizens have lost jobs and are having to make drastic cuts and he feels the City of Bolivar needs to cut spending as much as possible. There being no questions, Councilman Walley moved, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve Ordinance 20-003 on 1st Reading as presented. All voted "Aye."

There being no further business, Councilman Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Spinks seconded the motion with all voting "Aye."

Attest:

City Administrator

Mayor