

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session Monday, February 10, 2020, at 6:00 PM at the Bolivar Municipal Center with the following in attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Jonathan Joy

Others Present: Atty. Steve Maroney, Shelia Dellinger, Sarah Rice, Don and Ann Cherry, Shirley McGowan, Curtis Stack, Ricky Watkins, Eddie Vandiver, Monroe Woods, Tristen Allen, Jakobe Cross, Jaylan Beard, JahQuinton Woods, Correan McNeal, Tametric Harris, Kealan Polk, Aijaylon Stewart, Jordan Woody, Jace Stanley

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order. Councilman Larry Crawford opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Council Meeting January 13, 2020 – A motion was made by Councilman Crawford, seconded by Councilwoman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted “Aye”.

Beer Board January 13, 2020 – Councilwoman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted “Aye”.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor McTizic recognized the Hardeman County Commission for Black History. Ms. Shirley McGowan was present on their behalf. They had recently had their annual banquet but mentioned several other events that would be held throughout the month. They are: Annual Musical Feb 16th at 6:00 PM at Mt. Salem Baptist Church in Hickory Valley and also planning an Annual Countywide Worship Service at Union Hill Baptist Church in Whiteville.

Mayor McTizic recognized Mr. Tony Kirk, who had been appointed as the new CEO of Bolivar Energy Authority effective January 1, 2020. Mayor McTizic and the City Council congratulated Mr. Kirk and stated we are looking forward to working with him.

The Bolivar Middle School boys’ basketball team and cheerleaders were recognized also. They will be going to Murfreesboro later this week to play in the State Championship games. They were congratulated on their achievements and wished them the best during this competition.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on January 27, 2020, and discussed the following:

- Approved the Lit Fiber contract and rates. This is not broadband for the internet. Lit Fiber is now available in most of the Bolivar Energy service area for business, schools and health care data transport needs. Fiber can be leased with different band width depending on your need. BEA will now be part of a Lit Fiber network with electric utilities in West Tennessee.
- Renewed BEA's Line of Credit with the Bank of Hardeman County
- Moved the February Board meeting until February 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on Wednesday, February 5th and discussed the following:

- The board agreed to hire Mr. Rickey Ayers to repair all electrical issues for Well #3 at the Water Treatment Plant. There have been several problems with this well and the repair is very necessary. The cost will be approximately \$13,500.
- Mayor McTizic asked the Utility Board if they would be interested in having the Utility Department install a Solar Electric System to their facilities along with the other facilities in the city. The board was in agreement to include their departments if the City Council accepts the proposals.
- Gas prices for the month remain at .65 cents.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

Chief Price reported the following for the month of January:

- Total fire calls – 21 (10 City, 11 County)
- Training hours – 280
- Smoke alarms installed – 22
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 16

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service for January – 721
- Citations – 170
- Accidents – 15 (1 injury, 14 property damage)
- Arrests – 35 (9 juveniles, 26 adults)
- 768 training hours
- Special events: MLK Jr. Parade, Honor Guard for Officer Bonds Wake and Funeral, 2 DUI Checkpoints

Parks/Recreation – Curtis Stack, Director

The following activities are reported for the Parks and Recreation Dept.

- For the month of January, our participation was:
735 open gym players, 924 daily walkers, 448 adult basketball, 360 youth basketball, 115 aerobics class, 104 pickle ball
- Other activities and maintenance have been routine.
- Good progress is being made at Sand Beach Lake
- The Parks Dept. has started this year a Community Garden. Brittany Willis is the coordinator of the project.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

Street:

- Continuing to repair potholes
- Picking up brush and leaves
- Picked up bulky items during the month of January
- Helping Recreation Dept. at Sand Beach Lake

Sanitation:

- Residential – 124.06 tons
 - Commercial – 297.25 tons
- Total tons - 421.31

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

The Planning Commission did not meet during the month of January.

Library – Becky White, Director

- Financials: \$1,026.40 from donations, copies, fines and faxes
- Total programs: 10 with 87 participants
- Circulation: Material circulation- 1,429, computer users-784, Wi Fi Users – 3,564, READS Audio Book Download – 438

Bolivar Senior Citizens – Peggy Adelman, Director

- Average Attendance: Mon-Wed-Fri (4), Tues, Thurs (13)
- Representatives from Cigna and Medicare visited
- Movie/Popcorn on Jan. 24th
- Day trip to the Tenn. River Museum in Savannah and lunched at the Hot Pit Café

Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission – Councilwoman Suzanne Rhea

The Historic Zoning Commission met January 9, 2020. The following was discussed:

- The Emergency 911 building at 120 N. Washington St. (1967) for possible renovation
- The commission held annual training session
- Big Wave Bar and Grill, 109 W. Market St. (1903) for signage

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

The following is reported for January 2020:

- Building consultations – 7
- Building permits written – 3
- Building inspections – 18
- Plumbing inspections – 18
- Mechanical inspections – 18
- Courtesy notices issued – 20
- Issued final letter for Home Grant job at 321 Mitchell St.

Devco – Mayor McTizic

Mayor McTizic stated he did not have a copy of the official minutes from the recent Devco meeting at this time but the board did approve grant participation for the renovation of the United Sons and Daughters building on McNeal St. Those minutes will be sent out as soon as he receives them.

Main Street – Mayor McTizic also reported on behalf of Main Street. Mr. Griggs was not present due to illness but things are going good downtown. We have several new restaurants and businesses and the parking lot is coming along nicely.

Old Business:

A. Cost of residents purchasing trash cans - \$25.00 each additional can, \$5.00 per month

This was discussed at last month’s meeting as well. The new garbage truck operation, residents were provided one can at no extra cost. However, several citizens have requested additional cans. The council voted last month to provide additional cans at a cost of \$25.00 each.

Mr. Vandiver explained to the council the sanitation department is an enterprise fund and is not supported by tax payers money but self-funded. Currently, the department has two dumpster trucks that are 20 and 21 years old and will have to be replaced soon. Councilman McKinnie stated that we should be able to keep up with the repairs for all our sanitation trucks and suggested the \$25.00 fee and a monthly charge of \$5.00 for the extra can. The cost of a can is actually \$58.70 which includes freight. Councilman Crawford suggested \$60.00 for each can with no extra emptying fee.

At this time, Councilman Rhea moved to suspend the motion last month of charging the flat rate of \$25.00. This was seconded by Councilman Walley. After much discussion, Councilman Rhea made a motion to charge each resident \$60.00 for 1 additional can and an extra \$5.00 per month for emptying it. Councilman Walley seconded the motion. By roll call vote, voting “no” was Councilman Larry Crawford, Councilman Melvin Golden, and Councilman Larry McKinnie. Voting “yes” was Councilman Todd Lowe, Councilwoman Suzanne Rhea, Councilwoman Carol Spinks, and Councilman Page Walled. Motion passed.

New Business:

A. Presentation on Proposal for installation of Solar Electric System for City of Bolivar Buildings by Mr. Dale Roden, Tri-State Electrical Contractors

Mayor McTizic recognized Mr. Dale Roden with Tri-State Electrical Contractors and Mr. Warren with MTAS. They were here to give a presentation of converting our City buildings over to Solar Energy. This includes the water plant, sewer plant, gas shop, Bolivar Utility building, Police and Fire Depts., and City Hall. This would be a 100% pay back for the COB after 7 years. Currently, our electrical expense is approximately \$389,400.00 yearly. The total cost of the system would be \$2,893,192.00. After paying back, the extra money could be used in the General Fund for Capital Outlay. After much discussion, Councilman Crawford made a motion to set up a meeting with TVA, BEA, engineers and contractors to discuss this project and how it will benefit the City of Bolivar. Councilman McKinnie seconded the motion. All voted “Aye”.

Community Development Session: None

With no other business, Councilman McKinnie made a motion to adjourn seconded by Councilman Rhea.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attest: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator

Mayor Julian McTizic