

City of Bolivar Council Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session Monday, March 9, 2020, at the Bolivar Municipal Center with the following in attendance:

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

Others Present: Atty. Steve Maroney, Shelia Dellinger, Sarah Rice, Don and Ann Cherry, Curtis Stack, Cliff Henson, Eddie Vandiver, Central High School Choir, Peggy Adelman, Lynn Price, Mike Jones, Mack Carter

Mayor McTizic welcomed everyone present then called the meeting to order. Councilman Page Walley opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: After review of the minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> council meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Crawford, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve them as written. All voted "Aye".

### **Mayor's Report**

The Bolivar Central High School chorus recently presented a program at the school. Mayor McTizic asked if they would come and sing a song at our council meeting. The Choir sang Kum Ba Ya. Following their performance, Mayor McTizic read a letter from Mike Miller, Director of Bolivar Housing Authority. Mr. Miller stated the Housing Authority recently had a domestic incidence in which a non-resident held a residential family hostage. He praised the professionalism of the police department in the handling of this situation and stated they were Bolivar's finest. There were no injuries and the non-resident was taken into custody.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Electric – Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on February 27, 2020 for their regular meeting. The following action was taken by the board.

- Appointed Karen Bowers, Office Manager, to the retirement advisory committee
- Approved changing wording on the meter credit policy and outside light pole rental charges to state...at current BEA cost.

#### **Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director**

The Bolivar Utility Board met Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The following was discussed:

- The Bolivar Utility Dept. repaired a collapsed sewer line in the Stevens Road area
- The Utility Dept. is still struggling with installing gas services due to the weather
- Gas prices for the month remain at .65 cents
- All other business was routine

#### **Fire – Chief Lynn Price**

The following is reported for the month of February:

- Total fire calls – 16 (City 11, County 5)
- Training hours – 248 and 12 hours of TCFF in-service training
- Smoke alarms installed – 13
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 13
- The dept. participated in 3 public relations events
- Interviews were conducted to fill (1) vacant firefighter position
- Occupancy levels and fire safety codes were provided for the district basketball tournament at Bolivar Central High School during the week of February 17, 2020.

#### **Police – Chief Mike Jones**

Service report for February 2020 is as follows:

- Calls for service – 659
- Citations – 203
- Accidents – 14 (1 injury, 13 property damage)
- Arrests – 31 (3 juveniles, 28 adults)
- Special events – 3 DUI saturations
- Training hours – 160

#### **Parks and Recreation – Curtis Stack, Director**

- The 11-14 youth coed basketball league was started on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Our department has started hosting school softball and baseball practice and games
- We received a \$9,800 UT H2O grant for the community garden
- Other activities and maintenance have been routine.

#### **Streets and Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent**

Street:

- Started edging sidewalks in town
- Patching potholes
- Picking up brush and leaves
- Cleaning out ditches

Sanitation:

- Residential – 100.1 tons
- Commercial – 270.9 tons
- Total – 371 tons

#### **Planning – Melvin Golden, Council Rep.**

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

#### **Library – Becky White, Director**

- Financials: \$1,034.50 (donations, copies, fines & faxes)
- Total programs – 11 with 211 participants
- Circulation – Material 1,422, Computer users 438, Wi Fi users 2,886, READS 434

#### **Senior Citizens – Peggy Adelman, Director**

- Average Daily Attendance: M, W, F (12) Tues-Thurs (7)
- Day trip to Goodwill and lunch at Olympic Steak House
- Representatives from Medicare, Cigna, and West Tenn. Legal Services

#### **Historic Zoning Commission – Suzanne Rhea, Council Rep.**

The Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission met February 13, 2020. The following was discussed:

- Beehive Beauty Spa at 111 W. Market St. was reviewed to add a step to the right storefront entrance doorway to prevent step hazards and add an iron hand railing for easy access to the building.
- The LED flashing strobe lights around the storefront windows at 112 W. Market St. were brought to the attention of the commission as the flashing LED light effect is not appropriate within the historic district.

#### **Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins**

The following is reported for the month of February 2020:

- Building consultations – 5
- Building permits written – 3
- Building inspections – 36
- Plumbing inspections – 3
- Mechanical inspections – 32
- Courtesy notices issued – 20
- Issued 50% inspection letters for Home Grant jobs at 502 Oak Cove and 913 Parham Loop

#### **Devco – Mayor McTizic**

Mayor McTizic stated that Devco has been working on Spring events for the City and their budget. The next Devco meeting will be March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Main Street- Mayor McTizic**

Mayor McTizic stated the Main Street Committee was working to organize a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at Sand Beach Lake. There will be a fire works show along with games, food, and entertainment for everyone.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. Discuss Lease Agreement on “Bolivar Lions Club” to change to “Bolivar Youth Athletics”**

Mayor McTizic read a letter from the Bolivar Lions Club requesting the Bolivar City Council’s approval to change the name on the lease agreement from “Bolivar Lions Club” to “Bolivar Youth Athletics”. He explained the by-laws, board members and officers would remain the same. A new bank account would be opened and all funds would be transferred to the Bolivar Youth Athletics. After a short discussion, Councilman Rhea moved, seconded by Councilman Crawford to approve changing the lease agreement to the “Bolivar Youth Athletic” as requested and continue with the same lease through January 2022. All voted “Aye.”

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**None**

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

Mayor McTizic stated there would be a Beer Board Meeting following the adjournment of the Council Meeting.

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Clerk

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Mayor