

Bolivar City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, October 6, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, October 6, 2025, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilmember Melvin Golden

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Dylan Hill, Becky White, Hannah Thomspon, and Sara Skinner.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. The mayor then 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 September 8, 2025 regular scheduled meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the September 8, 2025 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- A. Mayor McTizic announced the schedule of upcoming Bicentennial events and invited everyone to attend.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Electric- Mayor McTizic**

Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on September 29, 2025 for their regularly monthly meeting. The was no action taken by the board during this meeting.

**Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director**

The Bolivar Utility Board met on October 1, 2025 and discussed the following:

- The altitude valve for the water tower on Lake Street is now installed and project is completed.
- Suncoast Infrastructure will be starting their work on the sewer line repairs around October 9<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the ARP grant.
- Gas prices are at \$0.67 for October.

**Fire- Chief Lynn Price**

- Total Fire Calls- 120 (105 city, 15 county), Civilian Fire Injury-1, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 75 (74 city, 1 county)

- Training Hours- 173
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 13
- Fire Code Inspections- 11
- Public Relations Event- 7

#### **Police- Mayor McTizic**

- Calls for service- 693
- Citations- 173
- Accidents- 18 (0 fatal, 10 injuries, 8 property damages)
- Arrest- 35 (3 juvenile, 31 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force- 8
- Training Hours- 160
- Chief Jones then gave out Life Save Awards to the following officers: Chris Beasley, Nick Wood, Carson Hensley, Justin Bryant, Allan Sides, Cody Bryant, and Chris Wilkerson.

#### **Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director**

- The adult volleyball league registration has started and we are still accepting teams.
- The park/playground at Blossom Lane will be getting basketball goals when they are shipped from BSN sports.
- The city's youth soccer league has been going well and will end on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a disc golf tournament at Pleasant Run on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent**

- Tons taken to landfill: 139.88 for residential ,293.96 tons for commercial, for a total of 433.84 tons of trash. Brush 59.29 tons.
- Mowing and bush hogging.
- Cleaned up Hines Blvd.
- October is bulky item pick up.

#### **Library- Becky White, Director**

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,078.20
- Total Programs: 21, Total Participates: 151
- Passive Programs: 1, Total Participates: 21
- Estimated patronage: 798
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 57, Guests- 74
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,366, Computer Users-292, Wi Fi users- 2,589, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-538, History Room-31, Microfilm Reader usage-1

#### **Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations-10
- Building Permits Written- 2
- Building Inspections- 3
- Plumbing Inspections- 2
- Mechanical Inspections- 2
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 35
- There will be an Abandoned Car Hearing at the conclusion of the council meeting.

## **Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill**

- Continued preparation for the Bicentennial celebration.
- Began preparations for Small Town. Big Christmas.
- Hosted Timeless Treasures in conjunction with Centennial Bank for a Lunch and Learn on scam and fraud prevention.
- Met with FEMA regarding storm related damage to Tate Road.
- Attended the grand re-opening of Wal-Mart.
- Met with representatives from the YMCA regarding job placement assistance.

## **Old Business: NONE**

## **New Business:**

### **A. Hardeman County Health Department- Sara Skinner**

Mayor McTizic welcomed Mrs. Sara Skinner to the front to discuss the new opportunities in Hardeman County for families with loved ones with dementia.

### **B. Library Board Appointments**

Mayor McTizic noted that the city still had a vacant spot on the library board and asked for approval to reappoint Mrs. Deana Sain. Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to reappoint Mrs. Dean Sain to the library board. All present voted "Aye".

### **C. Bid Award Approval- THDA Home Grant Project**

The City of Bolivar in partnership with Southwest Tennessee Development District request bids for work to be done at 740 Blue Bonnet which was one of the home grant recipients. There were two bids submitted, one from ACS LLC for \$101,500.00 and one from The Right Choice for \$112,000.00. The THDA Home Grant administrator, Tom Skehan, sent a letter asking for acceptance of the lowest bid. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the lowest bid from ACS LLC for \$101,500.00. All present voted "Aye".

### **D. First Reading of Ordinance 25-011 Occupancy Tax**

Mayor McTizic presented the council an Ordinance that will allow the city to collect 4% occupancy tax. He noted that a Resolution was passed on this already in 2023 but MTAS has suggested the city pass an Ordinance. This collection will begin on January 1, 2026. There was some discussion regarding families that live in the local hotels and how expensive the weekly rates were already without the 4% being collected. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-011. Councilmember McKinnie and Councilmember Miller voted "Nay", all others present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### **E. USDA Loan Resolution**

Mayor McTizic brought before the councilmember a Resolution that USDA has asked the city to pass as part of the loan process from them for the YMCA. The \$4.0 million dollar loan has already been approved by the council back in the first part of 2025. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the USDA loan resolution. All present voted "Aye".

### **F. Resolution 2025-012: A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note**

The mayor brought before the council another Resolution to pass regarding the USDA Loan. This Resolution will be sent to the Comptroller's office for approval issuing a bond anticipation note. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve Resolution 2025-012 issuing a bond anticipation note for \$4.0 million. All present voted "Aye".

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

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder