

City of Bolivar Council Meeting  
Monday, December 14, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, December 14, 2020, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic  
Councilman Larry Crawford  
Councilman Melvin Golden  
Councilman Jonathan Joy  
Councilman Todd Lowe  
Councilman Larry McKinnie  
Councilman Suzanne Rhea  
Councilman Carol Spinks

Others Present: Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Sarah Rice, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Randy Hill, Johnny Weems, Brittney Willis, Bethany Miller, Carolyn Miller, Joyce McKinnie Woods, Darrell Teubner, Calvin Howell

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

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the November 9, 2020, minutes. Councilman Rhea stated there was one correction to be made under **Appoint Vice-Mayor**. The minutes should reflect that Councilman Rhea voted for Councilman Carol Spinks for Vice Mayor. With this correction, Councilman Rhea made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020, minutes. Councilman Spinks seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor McTizic stated due to the rise in the COVID 19 numbers, he informed the department heads they did not have to attend the council meeting this month. Everyone has a copy of their reports.

Mayor announced the administrative offices and some departments will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas holidays, and Friday, January 1, 2021, for New Years.

Mayor McTizic stated due to the vacancy of Senator elect, Page Walley he would like to appoint Mr. Larry Crawford to serve on the budget committee. The committee will be Councilman Larry McKinnie, Councilman Todd Lowe and Councilman Larry Crawford. Mayor McTizic stated Ms. Shelia Dellinger will be contacting each member to set up a meeting for the last week of December or the first week in January. All councilmembers will be notified and are welcomed to attend.

**Old Business:**

**A. Appoint Vice Mayor**

Mayor McTizic stated last month the council appointed Councilman Larry McKinnie as the Vice-Mayor, unfortunately, he did not receive the majority of the “councilmember’s present” votes. This was overlooked but shall be corrected. Mayor McTizic opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Councilman Lowe made a motion to appoint Councilman Larry McKinnie. Councilman Joy made a motion to appoint Councilman Larry Crawford. There being no other nominations, Councilman Joy made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Councilman Spinks seconded the motion. All voted “Aye.” The votes were as follows:

**Voting for Councilman McKinnie:** Councilman Golden, Councilman Lowe, Councilman McKinnie, Councilman Rhea, Councilman Spinks

**Voting for Councilman Crawford:** Councilman Crawford, Councilman Joy

Councilman McKinnie was elected as Vice-Mayor, votes were 5 to 2.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Public Hearing Ordinance 20-007, An Ordinance to Amend Title 1 Chapter 1 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to Establish the Salary of the Council Members of the City of Bolivar**

Mayor McTizic stated this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 20-007, is there a motion to adjourn from executive session to public hearing. Councilman Joy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to adjourn to public hearing. All voted “Aye.” At this time Mayor asked if anyone from the public would like to address the council. Ms. Caroline Miller addressed the council with several concerns she had in regards to increasing the salary of the council. She did not feel now was the proper time to give themselves an 82% increase with the COVID pandemic. She stated people were out of jobs, small businesses were closing, students have been out of school and this pandemic has affected everyone. She stated this money could be used to help support our community, summer programs for our children, camps, jobs, etc. She stated we need to put the citizens first and public service should not be considered a part-time job, this gives you the opportunity to serve, help and give back to the community.

There being no further comments from the public, Councilman McKinnie moved, seconded by Councilman Crawford to reconvene to executive session. All voted “Aye.” Mayor McTizic asked for questions from the council. There being no questions, Councilman Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ordinance 20-007 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Voting “Aye” were as follows: Councilman Golden, Councilman Rhea, Councilman Golden. Voting “No” were as follows: Councilman Crawford, Councilman Joy, Councilman Lowe, Councilman McKinnie. Motion failed 4 – 3.

Mayor McTizic and Attorney Steve Maroney informed the board an ordinance must be passed tonight to be in compliance with the city's charter. At this time Councilman Joy made a motion to re-consider the motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford. All voted "Aye." After a brief discussion, Councilman Joy made a motion to amend the salary of a Council Member to \$4,200 per annum. Councilman Crawford seconded the motion. All voted "Aye." At this time the amended motion to increase the salary from \$3,300 per annum to \$4,200 per annum was approved by a roll call vote with all voting "Aye."

**New Business:**

**A. Interviews and Appoint City Council Representative to fill vacant position in W. Bolivar District B, State Senator-Elect Page Walley's position**

Mayor McTizic stated there were four resumes received to fill the vacant position, which was held by Page Walley who was elected as State Senator. One of the applicants, Mr. Brad Grantham, withdrew his resume today and stated he decided not to apply. The other three applicants were Mr. Dylan Hill, Ms. Joyce McKinnie Woods, and Rev. Dr. Barbara Jean Fitzhugh. Each applicant introduced themselves and stated their qualifications and the reason they were seeking this position. After the introductions and statements made by each candidate, Mayor McTizic asked if any councilmembers had questions. There being no questions, Mayor McTizic asked for a roll call vote and for each councilmember to cast their vote for one of the candidates. Votes were as follows:

**Dylan Hill: Councilman Crawford, Councilman Lowe, Councilman Rhea**

**Joyce McKinnie Woods: Councilman Golden, Councilman Joy, Councilman Councilman McKinnie, Councilman Spinks**

Joyce McKinnie Woods was appointed to fill the vacant position with 4 votes. Mayor McTizic stated Mrs. Woods will be sworn in at the January 11, 2021, regular scheduled council meeting.

**B. Historic Zoning Board Appointment – Ms. Mary Moore**

**C. Planning Commission Board Appointment – Ms. Latoya Anderson**

Mayor McTizic asked if the council would approve the two appointments for each of these boards. Councilman Joy made a motion to approve both of these appointments, seconded by Councilman McKinnie. All voted "Aye."

There being no further business, Councilman McKinnie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Crawford. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

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Shelia Dellinger, Clerk

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Julian McTizic, Mayor