

Bolivar City Council Meeting
September 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, September 12, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Larry Crawford
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Dylan Hill
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Carolyn Spinks
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, and Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilman Hill to lead the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from August 8, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor announced there will be a Bolivar Works Job and Career Fair held at City Hall September 29th from 10 am- 1pm.
- b. Mayor McTizic asked that the regular scheduled October meeting be rescheduled since city offices will be closed on October 11th in observance of Columbus Day. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to reschedule the October City Council meeting to October 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
- c. The mayor announced there will be an Emergency Preparedness Event on September 22nd 8 am- 11 am hosted by the Bolivar Police and Bolivar Fire Departments for local businesses, and churches. All are invited to attend.
- d. The City of Bolivar is joining with several local churches to hold a Community Prayer and Worship event on the courthouse square September 28th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited.
- e. The Bolivar BBQ Blowout will be held October 21-22 at the Farmer's Market. There will also be a Mayor's Luncheon that Friday the 21st at 12 noon at the same location.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on August 29, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. There were no new actions taken by the Board:

- Councilman Lowe, who serves on the BEA board, announced that BEA was awarded 6 new grants to support their broadband initiative and installment.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met September 7, 2022 and the following was discussed:

- The Utility Board approved the purchase of a trailer jetter through Sourcewell (State Contract) from Midsouth Septic, with final approval from Council. The purchase price of the trailer jetter will be \$69,975.00. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the purchase of a trailer jetter for \$69,975.00. All voted “Aye”.
- Cliff asked the Council for approval for raising the water tap fees to cover costs. The city is currently losing money at the current tap fees due to costs of materials rising. Cliff is suggesting the following increase to the water tap fees: 3/4” inside and outside city to \$1,000.00, 1” inside and outside the city to \$2,000.00, 2” inside and outside the city to \$5,000.00, 4” inside and outside the city to \$6,500.00, 6” inside and outside the city to \$10,000.00. It was also mentioned that the most common size used for residential homes was the 3/4”. The Utility Board has approved these increases in their September 7th meeting. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve raises the costs of water tap fees. All voted “Aye”.
- The Utility Department had the annual gas audit from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission last week with no violations and no non-compliances found.
- Gas prices for September came in at \$1.29 per ccf.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 34 (21 city, 13 county), Civilian Fire Injury-1
- Training hours – 250
- Smoke alarms installed – 13
- Fire Code Inspections – 34
- Public Relations Events- 0

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 542
- Citations – 105
- Accidents – 20 (0 fatal, 1 injury, 19 property damage)
- Arrests – 42 (8 juvenile, 34 adult)
- Special events- 1 THSO DUI Saturation, 1 Dive Team Exercise, Giving Back to the Community Block party
- Training Hours- 187 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- Youth soccer has begun and we have over 75 participants. The games will run through October.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The adult volleyball registration has begun and will run through September 28th.
- The adult basketball registration will begin next month.
- Councilman Hill requested holding self-defense: classes for women.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Painting lines and on roadways
- Helped Police Department build firing range
- Cleaning out ditches
- Cutting grass
- Paved Water Street
- Trimming tree limbs
- Picking up brush
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS
- October will start bulky item pick up
- Open sealed bids for dumpsters:

The Sanitation Department had requested sealed bids for dumpsters. They only received one bid from Wastequip at the cost of \$1,200 a dumpster. There is \$12,000.00 in the budget for new dumpsters so they will be able to purchase 10. Councilman Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve the bid from Wastequip at \$1,200 a dumpster. All voted “Aye”.

Library, Becky White, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, & Faxes- \$1,109.40
- Total Programs- 5
- Total Participates- 47
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,597, Computer Users- 314, Wi Fi Users- 3,390 READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 615
- It was announced that Director Becky White will be stepping down from her position, and the Library Board approved Assistant Director Jessica Phillips replace her as Director. Becky will take the role as Assistant Director.

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 7
- Building permits written– 4
- Building Inspections – 2
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 30

EMS- Bobby Thompson

- Total Responses for July- 242 and 191 transports

Old Business:

a. Approval for Broadband Contribution to BEA

Resolution 22-02 was passed earlier this year that approved the city giving BEA a contribution out of the ARPA funds to go towards their broadband initiative. The mayor is asking the Council to approve to give BEA \$50,000.00 out of the first installment of ARPA and another \$50,000.00 out of the second installment of the ARPA funds. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve these contributions to BEA. All voted “Aye”.

New Business:

a. Approval of Resolution 22-008: Public Entity Partners “Driver’s Safety” Grant

Resolution 22-008 will approve the Fire Department to participate in the “Driver’s Safety” Grant. This is a matching grant safety grant. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve Resolution 22-008. All voted “Aye”.

b. Resolution 22-009: Capital Outlay Note for Administrative Vehicles

This Resolution authorizes the City of Bolivar to issue a capital outlay note for 5 administrative vehicles at the not to exceed \$280,155.93. These 5 vehicles will be for Mayor/Admin, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Utilities Director and Streets and Sanitation Superintendent. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve Resolution 22-009. All voted “Aye”.

c. Approval for new vehicle policy

This new vehicle policy will be put into place to start rotating the 5 Administrative Vehicles every 5 years to help cut down on repairs cost. Some of the current vehicles that our department heads drive have had intensive work down on them. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the new vehicle policy. All voted “Aye”.

d. Approval for board appointments

Mayor McTizic brought before for the board to approve to reappointment Paul Fuller to the Utility Board, and appointment Josh Sinclair to the Industrial Board. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approved these board appointments. All voted “Aye”.

e. Approval to use ARPA funds for Government Services: Purchase 3 Sky Cop Cameras

Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval to use ARPA funds to purchase 3 new Sky Cop Cameras. He explained these cameras have been very beneficial to the Police Department to solve crimes and catch criminals. The estimated cost is \$25, 000.00. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to purchase 3 new Sky Cop cameras with ARPA funds at and estimated cost of \$25,000.00. All voted “Aye”.

Community Development: NONE

There being no further business, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to adjourn the meeting. All voted “Aye.”

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder