

Bolivar City Council Meeting  
December 13, 2021  
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, November 8, 2021, 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 Carol Spinks  
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Lynn Price, and Calvin Howell

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance. 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 November 8, 2021 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- a. Mayor McTizic announced the city offices will be closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of New Year's Day.
- b. Mayor McTizic thanked everyone who came out to Bolivar's Christmas Parade and everyone that helped the parade be successful.
- c. The Mayor thanked everyone who came to the Legislative Update and Prayer Breakfast that was held on December 11. It was a good turn out and everyone enjoyed themselves.
- d. Mayor McTizic invited everyone to his Birthday Celebration Toy Drive being held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Simon's Fish Camp. He asked everyone if they could bring a toy for a child in need.
- e. Mayor McTizic noted Bulk Item Pick Up will start back up January 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2022.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Electric – Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Board on November 29, 2021 for the regularly scheduled meeting. The following was discussed and approved:

- Approved the medical insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee. There will be a 9% increase on the renewal. No increase on dental, vision, or life insurance.
- Awarded contracts to the following for work at the Powell Chapel Substation in Hornsby

Siemen's Industry for the 15 KV Breakers- \$58,692.00  
Siemen's Industry for the 46 KV Breakers- \$37,990.00  
Birmingham Control for substation house- \$289,995.00  
Grove Electrical Service for Labor & Materials- \$1,450,000.00  
This will be paid for with bond proceeds

- Approved giving a cash gift to each employee for Christmas
- BEA will be closed December 22, 23, & 24 for Christmas and December 30 & 31 for New Year's

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

- The gas line relocation project in Middleton is going as planned. R. Jones Underground has completed the main replacement and will return in late January to complete the service line hook ups
- The ground bed replacement on Stevens Road is complete and working well
- Natural gas prices are down a little for December from .97 to .89 per cubic feet
- Everything else routine

#### **Fire – Chief Lynn Price**

- Total fire calls – 25 (16 city, 9 county)
- Training hours – 299
- Smoke alarms installed – 24
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 0
- Department staff participated in the annual Tennessee River Training weekend in Savannah on November 6 and 7, 2021
- Department staff participated in two public relations events throughout the month
- Department staff provided capacity monitoring and support per the request of Central High School Principal Mary Ann Polk for the Bolivar vs. Middleton basketball game

#### **Police – Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service – 562
- Citations – 116
- Accidents – 28(0 fatal, 3 injuries, 25 property damage)
- Arrests – 31 (3 juvenile, 28 adult)
- Special events- none
- Training Hours- 344 HRS

#### **Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director**

- We poured the footing and placed the portable building at Sand Beach Lake
- We have winterized all of our buildings, water fountains, and we continuing removing leaves
- Routine maintenance

#### **Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director**

- Our 6-10 year old youth basketball registration ended on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and games will begin in January
- Our adult volleyball league has begun and is going well with 4 teams. We will expect to end the season in January
- The youth 11-14 year old basketball league registration will begin next month

- The men’s adult basketball league (35 and older) has begun with 4 teams and will continue through January
- The activities in the gymnasium will be postponed until the maintenance on the gym floor is complete

**Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent**

- Put up Christmas decorations
- Cleaning out ditches
- Installed culverts
- Helped Curtis with new building at Sand Beach Lake
- Picking up litter and paper on roadways
- Picking up leaves and brush
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS

**Library – Becky White, Director (absent)**

- Financials: \$633.15 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 4 with 18 participants
- Circulation report – Material Circulation- 1,185, Computer users 174, Wi Fi users 3,003, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 468

**Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations – 12
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 3
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**a. Second Reading of Ordinance 21-006: A Broadband Ready Community**

Second reading of Ordinance 21-006 which will state that Bolivar is a Broadband Ready Community and passing this Ordinance will help BEA when applying for grants to bring broadband to Hardeman County. At this time Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman Crawford made a motion, Councilman Lowe second the motion to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye”. There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 21-006, Councilman Woods made a motion, second by Councilman Hill to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye”. Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 21-006. There being no questions Councilman Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the second reading of Ordinance 21-006. All voted “Aye”.

**Community Development: None**

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

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder