

Bolivar City Council Meeting

Monday, March 11, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, March 11, 2024, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic

Councilmember Michael Brown

Councilmember Melvin Golden

Councilmember Todd Lowe

Councilmember Larry McKinnie

Councilmember Caroline Miller

Councilmember Suzanne Rhea

Councilmember Chris Williams

Councilmember Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Ricky Watkins, Jerry Mayfield, and several citizens from the Three Way, Terrace Hills, and Hollywood Hills were in attendance for the Public Hearing on the proposed annexation.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic 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 February 12, 2024 council meeting.

There being no corrections, Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- a. City offices will be closed March 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.
- b. Annual Mayor's Charity Ball will be April 6, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the Bolivar Municipal Building

**Public Comments: None**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Electric- Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on February 26, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. The following action was taken by the Board:

- Attorney Denton submitted his retirement letter to the Board. His retirement is effective March 31, 2024.
- The Board approved the change to the 2006 Private Act. The change will be for the BEA Board of Directors to appoint the board members with the approval of the City Council.
- BEA will be closed on March 29<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.

**Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director**

The Bolivar Utility Board met on March 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following:

- The Utility department will need to replace the fence around the water tank on Lake Street. Jim is working on getting quotes for the fence.

- The fence on Tate Road had to be replaced from a vehicle running through it.
- Gas prices are at \$0.65 for March.

#### **Fire- Chief Lynn Price**

- Total Fire Calls-29 (18 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- Training Hours- 441
- Smoke Alarms Installed-17
- Fire Code Inspections-23

#### **Police- Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service-511
- Citations- 120
- Accidents-18 (1 fatal, 9 injuries, 8 property damages)
- Arrest-35 (8 juvenile, 27 adult)
- Special Events- 2: Child Safety Seat Check, THSO
- Training Hours- 204

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

- The section of the outfield fence at the Lion's field on Hwy 64 that was damaged during high winds in January has been repaired.
- Adult exercise (line dance) class continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm. Also, adult pickle ball is on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 9am-11pm
- The youth basketball league (6-10 age group) has ended. The 11-14 age group will begin the season next week.
- We will begin the registration for our Youth Summer Golf league next month.

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

- Paved the NeighborHub parking lot.
- Installed speed bumps on Lee Street.
- Picking up trash around downtown.
- Started weed eating and mowing.
- Replaced drain cover grades.
- Picking up leaves and branches
- Tons taken to landfill: 284.09 commercial, and 122.21 residential for a total of 406.30 tons.
- April 1 will start bulky item pick up.

#### **Library- Jessica Phillips, Director**

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$957.60
- Total Programs: 14, Total Participates: 93, Estimated January patronage: 635
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation-1,860, Computer Users-277, Wi Fi users-2,943, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-686, History Room-14, Microfilm Reader usage-7, History Room Materials Circulated-13

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

- Building Consultations-10
- Building Permits Written-1
- Building Inspections-2
- Plumbing Inspections- 2
- Mechanical Inspections- 2
- Courtesy Notices Issues-25

## Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Attended the celebration for 100 years in business at Bulletin Times and J.P. Shelly's.
- Hosted The Best of Motown at the Luez Theater.
- Continued to oversee CDBG grant in preparation for the opening of The Timbers.

Old Business: NONE

## New Business:

### A. Approval to Amend Section 7, Chapter 130 of the Private Acts of 2006 for BEA.

Mayor McTizic asked Mr. Tony Kirk, BEA CEO, to come to the front and discuss the change that the BEA Board is asking for approval on. Mr. Kirk came before the City Council members asking for approval to change the way their Board members are selected. The current process to appoint board members is the Mayor appointing the person and the City Council approves the appointee. The BEA Board is asking to amend Section 7, Chapter 130 to where the board appoints its members and the City Council will vote to approve the appointee. After some discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the amendment to Section 7, Chapter 130 by allowing the Bolivar Energy Authority Board to appoint its members then follow with a vote from City Council members. All voted "Aye".

### B. Resolution 2024-002: Authorization to Submit Application for Community Development Block Grant

This Resolution authorizes Mayor McTizic to execute and submit an application to the State of Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$420,000.00. If awarded this grant, the funds will be used for the purchase of a new firetruck. The city's match will be 8% of the total project costs plus the additional project funds of up to \$183,465.00. The total project cost is estimated to be around \$655,940.00. After some discussion between Chief Price and the council members, Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve Resolution 2024-002. All voted "Aye".

### C. Approval of Parental Leave Policy

Mayor McTizic brought before the council a Parental Leave Policy that follows the State's guidelines. He stated that currently there is not a Parental Leave Policy in place for the city's employees. This policy will give the parent 8 weeks of paid time off after the birth of a child, or placement of a child with the employee for adoption. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the proposed Parental Leave Policy. All voted "Aye".

### D. Approval for Bank Interest Rate on New Loan

The Police department is asking for approval for an interest rate for 5 new vehicles to replace some of the older ones in their fleet. Mayor McTizic presented the Council members with the interest rates that were submitted from the local banks. Simmons Bank was at 4.25%, CB&S Bank at 4.73%, and Centennial Bank was at 5.87%. Mayor McTizic noted that this was to approve the interest rates only, a Resolution will need to be passed at next month's meeting for the approval of the purchase to submit to the Comptroller's office. After some discussion, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the interest rate submitted by Simmons Bank at 4.25%. All voted "Aye".

## Public Hearing for Annexation by Referendum

Mayor McTizic announced there will be a Public Hearing for the Annexation by Referendum. He let the guests in attendance know that himself along with the Council members and the department heads they will try their best to answer all questions they may have. The Mayor also noted that the Council will not be the ones voting on the annexation, and that there will be an election held for the property owners. He then went over the Plan of Services for the proposed area. Mayor McTizic then asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted "Aye". He then opened the floor for the

public comments. Several homeowners came before the mayor and council with questions regarding the Plan of Services and other concerns in their neighborhoods. After much conversation, the mayor asked if there were any further comments. There being no other comments, Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to reconvene into Executive Session. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic let the guests know that he plans to hold another Public Hearing regarding the annexation in the near future.

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

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder