

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

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday August 10, 2020, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilman Larry Crawford

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Don and Ann Cherry, Sarah Rice, Barrett Stevens, Darrell Teubner

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

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any changes or corrections to the following minutes:

Council Meeting Minutes, August 10, 2020

There being no changes, Councilman Joy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Beer Board Minutes, August 10, 2020

There being no changes, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Government Structure Committee Minutes, August 25, 2020

There being no changes, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic read a Memorial Resolution for Mr. Terry Brown, who passed on August 24, 2020. Mr. Brown was a very outstanding citizen of Bolivar and served the community in many capacities. Mr. Brown is survived by his two daughters, Holly and Amy, one grandson, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Mayor McTizic recognized Councilman Carol Spinks to discuss the East Bolivar Community Day. Councilman Spinks stated the event had to be postponed on September 19th due to heavy rain. The event has been rescheduled for September 26, 2020, at the Bolivar City Park. This event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and go through 7:00 p.m. She stated Councilman Larry McKinnie and Councilman Melvin Golden are co-sponsors and she encouraged all other city councilman, police officers, fire fighters and other leaders in the city to please come out and introduce themselves to the children and let them know the important roles they have in our community.

Mayor McTizic stated the Committee Reports were in everyone's packets and if there are any questions for the department heads please talk to him or Mrs. Dellinger and they would be glad to address any questions. Councilman Rhea had a concern about the closing of the landfill to the City of Bolivar. Mayor McTizic stated he had been talking with County Mayor Jimmy Sain and stated the landfill will only be closed for approximately 3 weeks to the City of Bolivar and he would pay all charges to transport the commercial and residential garbage to Walnut, MS. Councilman Rhea stated we need an agreement in writing if this was not corrected within the three weeks.

Old Business: None

New Business:

A. Ordinance 20-004, An Ordinance to Amend Title 1 Chapter 2 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to Establish the Salary of the Mayor

Mayor McTizic stated Shelia Dellinger will be retiring on June 30, 2021, and there was a committee established to determine if this position would be filled as an Administrator or replaced with a City Clerk/Recorder and a full-time Mayor. After several committee meetings Councilman Rhea, Chairman stated on August 25th the committee met and discussed the proposed change and making the Mayors position a full-time position, which would include adding many of the Administrators duties to the Mayors position. She stated a range of salary was discussed using the administrator's salary structure and combining the salary of a position in the office that is still vacant. This would still leave funds to hire someone to be the clerk/recorder and serve as the liaison for the Mayor. The committee discussed the salary of \$85,000 and is making this recommendation to the full council for approval. It was stated this would not take effect until July 1, 2021, if passed on second reading. The City Charter requires the mayor and each member of the council shall be paid a salary as fixed by the city council by ordinance. Any amendment to the salary ordinance shall be adopted at least (60) days prior to the qualifying deadline for an election for the mayor and councilmembers.

There were questions and concerns asked by several councilman such as; being sure the code states in a mayor's election there shall be 50% plus 1 vote by the community, checks and balances of who hires the new position of the clerk/recorder or whatever the position is called, cost savings paying the mayor's proposed salary and the new position and a cost of living salary for mayor.

Attorney Steve Maroney stated proposed Ordinance 20-004, Section 3, states; This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after final passage and being signed by the Mayor. Attorney Maroney stated it shall be amended to add; **but shall not be implemented until the next mayoral term commences.** At this time Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden, to amend Ordinance 20-004, Section 3 to read: **This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after final passage and being signed by the Mayor, but shall not be implemented until the next mayoral term commences. All voted "Aye" except Council Larry McKinnie who "Abstained." Motion passed.**

Mayor asked if there was a motion to approve Ordinance 20-004 as amended. Councilman Rhea moved, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve Ordinance 20-004 as amended. Those voting "Aye" were as follows: Councilman Golden, Councilman Joy, Councilman Lowe, Councilman Rhea, Councilman Spinks. Voting "No" Councilman Walley, and "Abstained" Councilman McKinnie. Motion passed.

B. Ordinance 20-005, An Ordinance to Amend Title 1 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to Establish the Salary of the Council Members of the City of Bolivar

Councilman Rhea stated this ordinance was to raise the council salary from \$3,300 per year to \$6,000 per year. There will be no benefits or cost of living increases due to these positions not being full time. After a short discussion, Attorney Maroney stated Ordinance 20-005, Section 3, should be amended to read; **This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after final passage and being signed by the Mayor, but shall not be implemented for each council position until the next term of each council position commences.** Councilman Walley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the amended ordinance. Voting "Aye", Councilman Golden, Councilman Joy, Councilman Lowe, Councilman Rhea, Councilman Spinks; voting "No" Councilman Walley; "Abstained" Councilman McKinnie. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Contract with State of Tennessee Department of Transportation Local Program Agreement (100% State funded)

Mayor McTizic stated this is a contract that must be signed by the Mayor with council approval. This is a 100% grant from TDOT. Councilman Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilman Joy to approve Mayor McTizic to sign the contract. All voted "Aye".

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

Attest: