

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Larry McKinnie
Councilmember Caroline Miller
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea

Absent:

Councilmember Chris Williams
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Tim Warren, Chief Lynn Price, Jerry Mayfield, Michael and Lori Miller, and Michael Vanelli.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. The mayor then asked Councilmember Golden 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 July 1, 2025 Special Called Meeting, and the July 7, 2025 regular scheduled meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve both sets of minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- A. Mayor McTizic thanked everyone for the calls, texts, and prayers for his family for the loss of his uncle.
- B. The mayor noted that the bicentennial celebration is in full planning mode. He noted that the bicentennial events will start with a gala on October 18, 2025 and there will be a week full of events that will end with the Bolivar BBQ Blowout on October 25th.
- C. Mayor McTizic thanked all of the councilmembers that could make it to the TML conference.

Public Comments:

- A. Mr. Michael Vanelli asked to speak to the councilmembers regarding Kratom and its side effects. He told the council what Kratom was and how it has affected his life. He stated that he saw a store in Bolivar city limits that was advertising Kratom for sell, and he urged the mayor and councilmembers to ban this product from being sold in Bolivar. Mr. Vanelli presented documents for the councilmembers to look over regarding Kraton and stated his goal is to ban this product state wide.

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on July 28, 2025 for their regularly monthly meeting. The following action was taken by the board:

- Approved the bad debt write off for \$25,504.05 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- Accepted the low bid of \$14,995.00 from Birmingham Controls for the control house for the Hebron substation renovation. This is being funded by Silicon Ranch for their solar farm connection with TVA.
- Approved the final drawing for the new headquarters. Bid requests are to go out at the end of the year and construction should start in March 2026.

Utilities- Tim Warren, Assistant Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on August 6, 2025 and discussed the following:

- The replacement of the altitude valve on the water tower at Moss Lane is completed. We are waiting on the altitude valve for the tower on Lake Street to come in which should be this month.
- Requested sealed bids for a 40x60 building at the Gas Shop.
- The Utility department will be continuing with the annual flushing of fire plugs.
- Gas prices are at \$0.71 for August.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price

- Total Fire Calls- 101 (88 city, 13 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 66 (65 city, 1 county)
- Training Hours- 461
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 21
- Fire Code Inspections- 26
- Public Relations Event- 7

Police- Mayor McTizic

- Calls for service- 810
- Citations- 231
- Accidents- 18 (0 fatal, 4 injuries, 14 property damages)
- Arrest- 55 (5 juvenile, 50 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force, Red, White, & Bolivar, Back to School giveaway, Water Day- 9
- Training Hours- 392

Parks and Recreation- Mayor McTizic

- The youth summer golf league went well and ended on July 30th.
- The summer city water day that was held on July 25th was a huge success.
- We began the youth soccer league registrations on it will run through August 28th.
- The fields at West Park are coming together well with the renovations and upgrades.
- Mayor McTizic noted that he would like to have a public meeting regarding Blossom Park, and will try to hold it at the next City Council meeting.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Tons taken to landfill: 290.42 for commercial, and 157.69 for residential for a total of 448.11 tons of trash. Brush 54.60 tons.
- Assisted with preparing for a industrial site visit at the Watson Farm and West TN Healthcare ground breaking ceremony.
- July was bulky item pick up.

Library- Mayor McTizic

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,325.65
- Sumer Programs: 21, Total Participates: 206
- Passive Programs: 1, Total Participates: 50
- Estimated patronage: 1,429
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 8, Guests- 12
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,558, Computer Users-326, Wi Fi users- 2,461, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-567, History Room-8, Microfilm Reader usage-1

Compliance/Zoning- Mayor McTizic

- Building Consultations-6
- Building Permits Written- 5
- Building Inspections- 5
- Plumbing Inspections- 1
- Mechanical Inspections- 1
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 35

Community Development and Tourism- Mayor McTizic

- Assisted with preparations for Red, White, and Bolivar.
- Continued preparation for the Bicentennial celebration.
- Attended Western Mental Health Institute's board of directors meeting.
- Hosted Music on the Square.
- Hosted Timeless Treasures Christmas in July paint party.
- The Timbers hosted three events.

Old Business:

- A. Second Reading of Ordinance 25-010: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bolivar by Rezoning the Property located at 1090 Vildo Road (Watson Property) from FAR (Forestry, Agriculture, Residential) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial)**
- Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive meeting to Public Hearing. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to adjourn to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no comments or concerns, Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to reconvene to Executive meeting. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to reconvene to Executive meeting. All present voted "Aye". This Ordinance will amend the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning the property located at 1090 Vildo Road from FAR to M-2. Mayor McTizic noted that this site will be shown to industrial prospects and the Bolivar Industrial Board currently has an Option Agreement on the property. This property was annexed into the city limits for the purpose of industrial recruitment. He also noted that the Planning Commission sends a favorable recommendation for this rezoning. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 25-010. Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the second reading of Ordinance 25-010. All present voted "Aye".

New Business:

A. Resolution 2025-011: A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Public Entity Partners (PEP) Property Conservation Matching Grant

This Resolution will authorize the Bolivar Fire Department to apply for the PEP Property Conservation matching grant. Mayor McTizic noted that the Fire Department applies for this grant every year, and asked Chief Price what the funds will be used for this year. Chief Price stated that the funds will be used to purchase new lighting throughout the fire department. Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve Resolution 2025-011 authorizing the participation in the PEP Property Conservation matching grant. All present voted "Aye".

B. Bolivar Housing Authority- Michael Miller

Mayor McTizic invited Mr. Michael Miller to the front to discuss Bolivar Housing Authority on the request of Councilmember McKinnie. Mr. Miller presented the council with a few reports on BHA, and explained how the funding is awarded to housing authorities. He explained the background and history of BHA and how they have applied for funds and how difficult it is for smaller communities to get extra funding and grants for affordable housing.

C. Board Appointments-

Mayor McTizic asked for approval on the below appointments. Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve board appointments listed below. All present voted "Aye".

- Planning Commission:
 - Steven Brooks, LaToya Todd, Joyce Woods
- Utility Board:
 - Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Linc Polk
- Bolivar Housing Authority:
 - Eva Reynolds, Jesse Williams, Robert Parham, Judy Shackleford, Lavern Wilkes
- Library Board:
 - CeCe Hadly, Mammie Polk

There being no further business to discuss, Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to adjourn the meeting. All present voted "Aye".

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder