

Bolivar City Council Meeting
June 14, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, June 14, 2021, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Larry Crawford
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Jonathan Joy
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Carol Spinks
Councilman Joyce M. Woods

Others present:

Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, Attorney, Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Edric Beauregard, Becky White, Ricky Watkins, Bethany Miller, and Monroe Woods

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 10, 2021, Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Joy made a motion, second by Councilman Crawford to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic thanked everyone for the prayers, calls, and text messages over the past couple of weeks regarding his wife's surgery. He noted she is healing well. The Mayor also wished his wife Demetria and son Jaxton a very Happy Birthday.
- b. **Recognition of Councilman Joyce M. Woods and Councilman Jonathon Joy**
Mayor McTizic presented Councilmembers Woods and Joy with plaques and thanked them for their dedicated service on the Bolivar City Council.
- c. **Recognition of Mrs. Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator**
Mayor McTizic presented Mrs. Dellinger with a gift from the Council for her 44 years of dedication and service to the City of Bolivar. There will be a reception held June 24th for Mrs. Shelia and everyone is invited to attend. Her official retirement is June 30, 2021.

d. **Approval of bid from Hayes Herron and Son Construction on restoration of USDC Lodge Hall**

USDC Chairman Michael Miller sent a letter to Mayor McTizic on behalf of the USDC Board of Directors stating they had met and approved the bid from Mr. Herron in the amount of \$64,800. Councilman Golden made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to accept the bid from Hayes Herron and Son Construction for \$64,800. All voted "Aye".

- e. The Mayor invited everyone in attendance to his Prayer Breakfast being held June 16 in the Community Room at the Municipal Building. There will be breakfast served and guest speaker Mayor Rawls of Brownsville.
- f. Mayor McTizic noted the swearing in of all newly elected officials will be held July 1 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chamber. He asked for all Council members to please attend this event. He also noted there will be a reception to follow at Simon's on the Square.
- g. Mayor McTizic shared his excitement of the July 2 Red, White and Bolivar Fireworks Celebration. He encouraged everyone to attend and it will be fun for all ages. He also noted that WBBJ of Jackson did an interview with him at Sand Beach Lake and it will be aired on June 14. The Mayor shared the news of the celebration with WBBJ.
- h. The Mayor introduced new employees Anthony Ford, Director of Activities and Carri Beth Rhea, City Clerk & Recorder.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met May 27, 2021. The following was discussed and approved:

- Approved the Electric Vehicle rate. The EV rate will be for a vehicle charging stations installed after September 1, 2021. BEA is being proactive in preparing for electric vehicles.
- The Board passed the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met June 2nd, 2021 and discussed the following:

- The County Highway Department is contracting a box culvert replacement on Old Highway 64 between Bolivar and Whiteville. The City of Bolivar has 2 main gas lines (4" plastic and 3" steel) that will have to be relocated. The Utility Department engineer Robert Stegall will have everything ready to open bids on the relocation on July 14th.
- The Utility Board has approved the 2021-2022 utility budget and made a recommendation for the Council approval.
- Gas prices for the month of June is .65 cents. Per 100 cubic feet.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

The following statistics are reported from the Fire Dept. for the month of May:

- Total fire calls – 13 (8 city, 5 county)
- Training hours – 234
- Smoke alarms installed – 15
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 8
- Engineer Rory White participated in advanced diver training throughout the month of May.
- The department initiated its preplan courtesy inspection program again after the shutdown for Covid-19 last year. Eight area businesses were inspected and one consult was completed.

- Volunteer firefighter B.J. Bolyard was selected to fill the department's vacant full-time position. B.J. has been a volunteer firefighter since 2001 and was firefighter of the year in 2003. We are excited to welcome B.J. to the department as a career firefighter.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

Service Report for May is as follows:

- Calls for service – 841
- Citations – 276
- Accidents – 15 (2 injuries, 13 property damage)
- Arrests – 30 (6 juvenile, 24 adult)
- Special events included – 7 THSO DUI Saturations, 1 Keeping TN Beautiful Orientation
- Training Hours- 320 HRS
- **Opening of Bids for gutter and siding repair at the Police Station.**

There were two sealed bids submitted for the hiring of the gutter and siding repairs at the Police Station. One bid was from Moore Roofing and Construction for \$11,280 and the second bid was from Economy Siding and Windows for \$11,280. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Woods to accept the bid from Moore Roofing and Construction. All voted "Aye".

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

The following is reported for the Parks Dept. :

- We will continue work at Sand Beach Lake and hope to finish installing utilities this month. A&W finished laying the asphalt and we are preparing for laying sod and constructing the volleyball court. We are also preparing for the Fireworks Celebration on July 2.
- **Opening of Bids for Pool and Pump House Roof.**
There were 4 sealed bids submitted for the project repairing the pool and pump house roof. C&C Home Remolding quoted \$19,969.40, ERoof quoted \$13,153.24, Cameron Clifft quoted \$11,450 and Hayes Herron and Son Construction quoted \$15,482.00. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to accept the bid from Cameron Clifft. All voted "Aye".

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

The following is reported for the Activities Dept.:

- Our 11-14 old Summer Basketball League started on June 10th and there are 4 teams participating with 40 players total.
- The City Summer Basketball League ages 15-18 sign-ups will end on June 18th.
- We are having our first Adult Kickball Tournament on July 10th at 6:30 pm. This will be held at the Bolivar Middle School Field at West Park.
- Our Intro to Tennis for Youth Camp will be on July 17th at Bolivar Central High tennis courts. The ages 5-8 from 8 am to 9 am, ages 9-12 from 9 am to 10 am.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent (absent)

- Trash pickup along the city streets
- Patching pot holes
- Bush hogging the grass route and the Industrial Park
- Trimming and cleaning up grass along sidewalk in downtown area
- Trimming trees
- Picking up debris with the brush truck

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

We met in regular session May 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm to discuss the following plats:

- Carlotta Wood Subdivision located at 707 Naylor Street was approved.
- William Fentress Subdivision located at 612 N. Lauderdale was approved with exception of Lot 4. Lot 4 will not be issued a building permit unless street and utility access are addressed to the satisfaction of the City of Bolivar.

Library – Becky White, Director

- Financials: \$590.05 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 4 with 103 participants
- Circulation report – Material Circulation- 999, Computer users 218, Wi Fi users 2,650, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 502
- Library will be closed June 16 and 17 for regional IT service

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilman Suzanne Rhea

The Historic Zoning Commission did not meet in the month of May.

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

The following is reported for the month of May:

- Building Consultations – 6
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 20
- Attended Planning Commission meeting May 17th

DevCo – Mayor McTizic

- Fireworks event July 2nd in collaboration with the city
- Board asked for new members to be approved that will be covered under New Business
- Process started to update presentation to the Governor

Old Business: None

New Business:

a. DevCo Board Appointments

Mayor McTizic recommended 3 new board members for DevCo: LaTosha Neely, Rashad Smith, and Jeff Goss. Councilman Joy made a motion, second by Councilman Lowe to approve Ms. Neely, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Goss for the DevCo Board. All voted “Aye”.

b. Approval for city credit card for Carri Beth Rhea

Councilman Joy made a motion, second by Councilman Woods to approve Mrs. Rhea to have a city credit card. All voted “Aye”.

c. Opening of bids for new HVAC unit in the Municipal Building Community Room

There were 2 sealed bids presented for a new HVAC unit. One bid was from Superior Plumbing, Heating, & AC LLC and they came in at \$11,465.00. The second bid was from Henderson Heating & Air coming in at \$11,457.00. After discussion it was decided to go with Henderson. Councilman Lowe made a motion, second by Councilman McKinnie to approve Henderson Heating & Air. All voted "Aye".

d. **Approve the amendment to the City Charter**

Resolution 2021-005 changing the duties and responsibilities in the current city charter from the City Administrator to a City Recorder. Councilman Joy made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve the Charter changes. All voted "Aye".

e. **First reading of Ordinance 21-001 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Budget Amendments**

Councilman Joy made a motion, second by Councilman Crawford to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-001. All voted "Aye".

f. **First reading of Ordinance 21-002 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Budgets**

Councilman Joy made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-002. All voted "Aye".

g. A Special Called Council meeting was set for June 28th to have second reading and passing of Ordinances 21-001 and 21-002.

Community Development: None

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder