

Bolivar City Council Meeting  
October 3, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, October 3, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

**Present:**

Mayor Julian McTizic  
Councilman Larry Crawford  
Councilman Melvin Golden  
Councilman Dylan Hill  
Councilman Larry McKinnie  
Councilman Suzanne Rhea  
Councilman Carolyn Spinks  
Councilman Tommie Woods

**Absent:**

Councilman Todd Lowe

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare, County Mayor Pulse, Captain Gary McTizic, and Mike Smith with Southwest Human Resource Agency

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilman Crawford 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 September 12, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All in attendance voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- a. The mayor announced City offices will be closed October 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day
- b. The Bolivar BBQ Blowout will be held October 21-22 at the Farmer's Market. There will also be a Mayor's Luncheon that Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon at the same location.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Electric – Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Board met on September 26, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting.

- Approved the hiring of a Right of Way contract crew to help with right of way clearing.
- Hired Service Electric to do the substation testing at Hebron for \$24,760.

**Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director**

The Utility Board will not meet until Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

- Pilot lighting will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup> and go through November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that our customers be patient, and try to give us a 3 day window if you are needing a pilot light lit.
- Gas prices for October \$1.02
- 811 Pipeline Fish Fry will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall

**Fire – Chief Lynn Price**

- Total fire calls – 25 (18 city, 7 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0
- Training hours – 281
- Smoke alarms installed – 3
- Fire Code Inspections – 17
- Public Relations Events- 4
- The Bolivar Fire Department has been awarded the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$83,795.00. The grant was awarded for the purchase and installation of a Source Capture Exhaust System which will remove diesel exhaust fumes from the station. The grant will also provide for the purchase of fire nozzles and 25–40-year-old fire hoses.
- On September 8, 2022, the Bolivar Fire Department received an award from the Tennessee State Fire Marshall’s Office as one of the top 10 smoke alarm installers across the state.

**Police – Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service – 678
- Citations – 126
- Accidents – 30 (0 fatal, 2 injuries, 28 property damage)
- Arrests – 45 (9 juvenile, 36 adult)
- Special events- 9 THSO DUI Saturation, 9/11 Remembrance Day, Bolivar Homecoming
- Training Hours- 264.5 HRS

**Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director**

- Youth soccer is going well. The games will run through October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The adult volleyball registration has ended and we will attempt to begin the games this month pending fees received from teams.
- The adult basketball registration will begin this month.
- We have an interest survey out withing the community via social media and flyers to request participants for a women’s self defense class.

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

- Cleaning out ditches
- Cutting grass
- Trimming tree limbs
- Picking up brush
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS
- October is bulky item pick up

**Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)**

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$765.00
- Total Programs: 6, Total Participates: 131
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,885, Computer Users- 203, Wi Fi Users- 3,528 READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 655

**Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations – 6

- Building permits written– 0
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 1
- Mechanical Inspections – 1
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 30

**EMS- Bobby Thompson**

- Total Responses for September- 285 and 233 transports

**Old Business:**

**a. Discussion on NeighborHub**

Mayor McTizic gave an update on NeighborHub and informed the council there was a non-profit interested in moving into a permanent space once the building was completed. At that time the Mayor welcomed Mr. Mike Smith with Southwest Human Resource Agency to come to the floor. Mr. Smith gave a brief summary on what all SWHRA does for the community.

**New Business:**

**a. Approval to open a bank account for Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) funds**

Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval to open a new bank account to house the LGIP funds that will be used for economic development. The city will be choosing the best option with the highest interest rate. Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve the opening of a new bank account for LGIP funds. All in attendance voted “Aye”.

**b. Resolution 22-010: Authorizing the city to apply for a Site Development Grant**

This Resolution authorizes the City of Bolivar to apply for a Site Development Grant. The application to the TN Site Development program in the project total amount of \$97,760.00, which will be a request of \$92,872.00 from the Site Development Program and up to \$4,888.00 in funds provided by the City of Bolivar. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve authorizing the city to apply for a TN Site Development Grant. All in attendance voted “Aye”.

- c. It was announced that Councilman Hill will be resigning his seat from City Council. He will be taking a full-time position with the city as Tourism and Community Development Director. His council position will be posted and with plans to vote on his replacement in the November council meeting.

**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:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder

