

City of Bolivar Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday November 9, 2020, 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 Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Carol Spinks

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Sarah Rice, Ricky Watkins, Darrell Teubner, Curtis Stack, Cliff Henson, Bethany Miller, Lindy McKinnie, Barbara Fitzhugh, Calvin Howell, Joyce Woods

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

Mayor McTizic stated there was one correction made to the minutes, which everyone has, if there are no other changes or corrections to the November minutes, is there a motion to approve. There being no other changes, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic announced, Mr. Lloyd Bell, a past 45-year employee of the City of Bolivar had passed away and would like to remember his family in our prayers. A memorial resolution will be presented in his honor at the next council meeting.

Mayor McTizic stated Veteran Day will be Wednesday, November 11th and the city offices will be closed. Mayor McTizic stated he would like to recognize and thank all the men and women who served our country.

The City of Bolivar Mayor and Council will be accepting resumes for the West Bolivar City Council position that Mr. Page Walley held. Mr. Walley was elected to the State Senate and his council position immediately became vacant. All resume's must be turned in to City Hall no later than December 9, 2020, at 12:00 noon. Each council member will be sent a copy of all the resumes to review and will vote on filling the vacant position on Monday, December 14, 2020, at the regular scheduled meeting.

At this time Mayor McTizic recognized Mr. Page Walley. He thanked him for his service to the Bolivar City Council and congratulated him on winning the new position as the 26th District for the State Senate.

Committee Reports:

Mayor McTizic stated all reports were in the council packets and some of the department heads could not be present. The following was presented:

Bolivar Utility Department- Mr. Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met Wednesday, November 4, 2020, and discussed the following:

- Bids were opened for Highway 57 Natural Gas Extension. The following bids were received:

ElectriCom..... \$ 147,891.09

R. Jones Underground..... \$ 237,805.00

After reviewing the bids, it was the recommendation of the Bolivar Utility Departments, Engineer, Mr. Robert Stigall, with Hussey Gay Bell, based upon the results of the bid to award the low bidder, ElectriCom to install the gas line. The board approved this recommendation, contingent of Council approval. At this time Mr. Henson asked for council approval. Councilman Golden moved, seconded by Mr. Lowe to approve the low bid from ElectriCom. All voted "Aye."

- The Board approved to purchase a new Utility Truck for the department on State contract. This will be 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD,4WD Double Cab 162" Work Truck. The State Contract price is \$29,767.84, which is the lowest price this truck can be purchased. The Board approved the purchase of this truck, contingent upon Council approval. Mr. Henson asked for council approval to purchase the truck on State Contract. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Joy to approve the purchase of the truck. All voted "Aye."
- Gas prices for the month remain at .65 cents per hundred

Parks and Recreation- Mr. Curtis Stack, Director

The bid opening for the Hatchie River Park project was on October 22, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. All bids opened were over budget at this time. Mayor McTizic stated this is the second time to bid this project and it has been over budget both times. He sated he was working with A2H to see if we can down size the project and wait on the lumber prices to go down. Mayor stated we should know by next month.

Streets and Sanitation:

Mayor McTizic reported Mr. Eddie Vandiver has been sick and off work for several weeks. He asked everyone to remember him in their prayers also. Mr. Edric Beauregard, Assistant Superintendent has been taking his place and doing a great job, but could not be present tonight. Mayor McTizic reported the following:

- Spoke with Mayor Sain regarding the landfill and he stated the State will be doing an inspection in the next couple of days and they should be finished with the liner and pumping the water out. Mayor Sain has not given a definite date at this time when we can start back carrying all city garbage back to the landfill.
- Dumpster Bid Opening:
There was only one bid received as follows:
WasteQuipEagleville, TN
8 Cubic Yard Standard Front Load Containers.....12 @ \$79.00 each.....\$9,480.00

Mayor McTizic stated this is a budgeted item and there is \$12,000 budgeted for the containers. Councilman Crawford made a motion to accept the bid for \$9,480.00. Councilman Spinks seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

A. **1st Reading Ordinance 20-007, An Ordinance to Amend Title 1, Chapter 1, of the Bolivar Municipal Code to Establish the Salary of the Council Members of the City of Bolivar**

Councilman Rhea stated the committee met and unanimously recommended to bring back to the full council the same salary that was discussed last month. At this time Councilman Joy stated he would only vote for this ordinance if someone could justify the increase in this salary. Councilman Golden stated this would give councilmembers the incentive to do more and give back more to the community. Councilman Joy did not agree with this and stated that was not justification. No other questions, Councilman Golden made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-007 as presented. Councilman Spinks seconded the motion. Councilman Crawford stated he wanted to make a motion to amend the motion to take the council salary back to \$275.00 per month and pay each councilmember \$50.00 per appointed board or committee meetings attended that is permitted by law. Due to a lack of a second, motion failed. The motion on the floor to approve Ordinance 20-007 was called for a vote. Councilman Joy stated he would like to amend the motion to read no councilman can exceed \$500 per month, this includes all extra committee meetings and appointed board meetings. Attorney Maroney stated some boards and committees are required by State law to pay councilmembers serving on these boards. Council Joy stated the ordinance needs to be changed to reflect this. After a brief discussion, due to the State law Councilman Joy withdrew his motion. Mayor McTizic asked everyone to cast their votes for the Ordinance. Voting "Aye" were as follows: Councilman Golden, Councilman Lowe, Councilman Rhea, Councilman

Spinks. Voting "No" were as follows: Councilman Crawford, Councilman Joy. "Abstained" Councilman McKinnie. Motion passed on 1st Reading. Mayor McTizic stated Ordinance 20-007 will be revised before the 2nd reading. The ordinance will be changed to read; **The salary of a Council Member shall be \$6,000.00 per annum and shall be paid in equal monthly installments. A councilmember serving on a utility board, planning commission or any other board, commission, or committee, shall be compensated the same as any other member of the utility board, planning commission, or committee permitted by law.**

B. 2nd Reading/Public Hearing, Ordinance 20-006, An Ordinance to Establish an Updated Occupational Safety and Health Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and to Provide for a Safety Plan

Mayor McTizic stated this plan is updated every seven years to comply with State regulations. At this time Councilman Joy made a motion to adjourn from executive session to public hearing. All voted "Aye." Mayor McTizic asked if the public would like to comment. There being no comments from the public, Councilman Joy moved, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to reconvene to executive session. All voted "Aye." Councilman Joy made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-006 on 2nd Reading, seconded by Councilman McKinnie. All voted "Aye."

New Business:

A. Appoint Vice-Mayor

Mayor McTizic announced Vice-Mayor will be appointed since Page Walley is no longer on the council. At this time the floor is open for nominations. Nominations were as follows:

Councilman Spinks nominated Councilman Larry McKinnie

Councilman Joy nominated Councilman Larry Crawford

Councilman Golden nominated Councilman Spinks

Councilman Joy made a motion to close the floor for nominations. Councilman Lowe seconded the motion. All voted "Aye." Mayor ask for a roll call vote for each nominee. They were as follows:

Voting for Councilman McKinnie: Councilman Lowe, Councilman McKinnie, Councilman Spinks

Voting for Councilman Crawford: Councilman Crawford, Councilman Joy

Voting for Councilman Spinks: Councilman Golden

Councilman McKinnie was elected the Vice-Mayor with **three** votes. Councilman Crawford received **two** votes; Councilman Spinks received **one** vote.

B. Resolution 2020-006, A Resolution Designating the Planning Commission of Bolivar, TN, as the Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor McTizic stated TCA Code allows the Planning Commission to be designated as the Board of Zoning Appeals. At this time Councilman Joy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-006. Councilman Golden seconded the motion with all voting "Aye."

- C. Close checking account, "City of Bolivar Christmas Lighting Fund" at the Bank of Hardeman County
This account was opened 10 years ago with donations for downtown Christmas lights. There is \$450 left in this account and no donations have been added in the past three years. These funds will go to purchase more Christmas lights and then it will be closed. Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Joy to close the account. All voted "Aye."

- D. Historic Zoning Board Appointments
Mayor stated he will have two appointments for this board at the December meeting.

There being no further business, Councilman Crawford moved, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor