

Bolivar City Council Meeting
July 11, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

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

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Harriet Thompson and Family, Judge Boyette Denton and Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare

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 Woods to lead the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

There were two sets of minutes to approve during the July regular meeting. Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from June 13, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye." The mayor then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from June 28, 2022 Special Called Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye".

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor thanked everyone who helped as well as attended the 2nd annual Red, White, and Bolivar. Everyone had a great time and it was a success.
- b. Mayor McTizic welcomed Ms. Harriet Thompson and Judge Boyette Denton to the front to administer the oath of office for Ms. Thompson's newly appointed position for City Judge. Ms. Thompson was appointed City Judge in June 2022.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on June 23, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- The Board approved a 1% rate increase as of October 1, 2022.

- Approved the Fiber Drop to the home contractor.
- The Board passed the updated construction cost changes.
- The July meeting is being moved to July 26, 2022.
- Update on Aenease/BEA Fiber to Home:
 - *The electronics hut for Bolivar has been set. The mainline construction is scheduled to start in the Bolivar area around the second week in July. D&H contractors will be doing the work.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met July 6, 2022 and the following was discussed:

- The Board approved in May the purchase of a piece of property that is directly behind the Gas shop off of Jackson Street. This land is currently owned by Mr. Delphus Hicks. The purchase of this property will allow the Gas department to add more shed space to their current building. The Board is forwarding a favorable recommendation to the Council for the purchase of this property for \$25,000.00. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the purchase of the Hicks property located off of Jackson Street for \$25,000.00. All voted “Aye”.
- The Board also approved the installation of a new fence to replace the old fence the Utility department had to remove at the airport. The fence had to be removed in order for the Utility department to replace a 12 inch water main pipe. The Utility department is responsible for replacing the fence, and making sure the fence is within regulations of Homeland Security. The Board is sending a favorable recommendation to the Council for installing a new fence at the airport for \$7,000.00. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve the installation of a new fence for \$7,000.00 at the airport. All voted “Aye”.
- The gas main extensions are complete at Peavine Road and Sandy Springs Road
- Gas prices for July came in at \$1.02

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 21 (13 city, 8 county)
- Training hours – 248
- Smoke alarms installed – 12
- Fire Code Inspections – 13
- Public Relations Events- 2
- Department personnel hosted 2 public education station tours during the month.
- We inspected 3 fireworks stands to ensure code compliance.
- We provided fire suppression coverage for one fireworks event on June 30, 2022.
- Firefighter Xzavier Woods was hired to fill the position vacated by Remington Breedon.
- Annual pump testing was completed with no deficiencies noted.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 639
- Citations – 92
- Accidents – 15 (0 fatal, 7 injuries, 8 property damage)
- Arrests – 39 (11 juvenile, 28 adult)
- Special events- 1 THSO DUI Saturation
- Training Hours- 208 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- We are into our 7th week of the youth summer golf league. The players are learning and having a great time. We will end the league on July 27th.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The youth soccer registration will begin at the end of the month and will run through August 28th.
- The city pool has been busy with swimmers and we will continue the regular hours until August 4th. Swim lessons and adult water aerobics class is also going well. There were over 20 participants in last Friday's class.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Cutting grass
- Working and pressure washing sidewalks
- Asphaltting roads
- Worked at Sand Beach Lake getting ready for Red, White, and Bolivar
- July is bulky item pick up
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS

Library, Becky White, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, & Faxes- \$749.20
- Total Programs- 6
- Total Participates- 244
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,504, Computer Users- 242, Wi Fi Users- 2,205, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 527

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 10
- Building permits written– 0
- Building Inspections – 9
- Plumbing Inspections – 8
- Mechanical Inspections – 8
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25
- Ricky informed the council that he had been working with the City Attorney to get our Slum Hearing process updated. He was in the process of sending several letters out regarding unmaintained properties. Ricky and the mayor asked the council for approval for new rates to be sent out with property code compliant letters. If the city has to go to a property to maintain it after a letter is sent to the owners the new fees will be \$200.00 per hour for overgrown vegetation clean-up, \$250.00 for removal of bulky debris, and \$300 plus disposal fees for demolition. All charges are per hour with a 1 hour minimum. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the new rates to be charged for property clean ups. All voted "Aye".

EMS- Bobby Thompson

- Total Responses for June- 275 and 239 transports

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- a. **Approval for Local Government/NextGen software update**
Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval for the offices in City Hall to have a software update to their current NextGen software. The mayor noted that part of the current software is outdated and it was time to bring it up to date with the other parts of software being used. All software comes from Local Government Corporation. The new software will include Nextgen Payroll, and Nextgen Sing-It. The total cost for the software update will be \$9,893.75. The mayor also noted that software updates can be paid for out of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the purchase of updated software for \$9,893.75. All voted "Aye".
- b. **Approval for Mammie Polk to be appointed to Library Board**
Mayor McTizic brought before the council the approval for Ms. Mammie Polk to be appointed to the Library Board. This will complete the city's needed members for this board. Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve Mammie Polk to the Library Board. All voted "Aye".
- c. **Approval of Resolution 22-06**
This Resolution is for the City of Bolivar to adopt a consultant selection policy for projects funded in whole or in part by the federal highway administration or the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve Resolution 22-06. All voted "Aye".
- d. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-008: Amend Ordinance 22-007 Relative to the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**
Ordinance 22-008 is to amend the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$175,000.00. The amount of \$95,000.00 will come from General Fund and \$80,000.00 from State Street Aid Fund. This amount will be used to asphalt Lafayette Street and Water Street. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the first reading of Ordinance 22-008. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder

