

Bolivar City Council Meeting
January 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, January 10, 2022, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Councilman Larry Crawford

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Mike Jones, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, and Joyce Noles with West TN EMS

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 Hill 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 December 13, 2021 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic announced the city offices will be closed on January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- b. Mayor McTizic announced he will be holding a City Council Retreat Meeting and after discussion it was decided to hold the meeting Thursday January 20, 2022 at Luez Theater
- c. Mayor McTizic announced the Mayor's Charity Ball being held on February the 5th, 2022 and invited everyone to attend
- d. The Mayor thanked everyone for helping with his Birthday Toy Drive Celebration and noted they were able to donate a lot of toys to children in need

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board did not take any action the month of December so nothing to report

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met January 5th and the following was discussed:

- The gas pipe relocation project in Middleton is complete except for services being tied in to the new line. R. Jones should have that completed in February

- Gas prices for January are down some and came in at \$0.75. Due to pre-buying, we are able to keep the cost to customers at \$0.65. Mr. Cliff as well as the Mayor thank Dr. Jerry Wilhite and other members of the Utility Board for passing on these cost savings to the customers
- Year end reports are being completed
- Everything else routine

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 24 (17 city, 7 county)
- Training hours – 243
- Smoke alarms installed – 10
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 2
- Department staff participated in 3 public relations events
- The department received 102 smoke alarms from the state fire marshal's office to continue our free smoke alarm installation program into 2022
- Department staff enjoyed both the city and departmental holiday gatherings. As typical during the holiday season, many of our local residents and businesses supported our on duty first responders by bringing food trays, meals, and desserts to the station. We would like to publicly thank our residents and businesses for their continued support! Their thoughtfulness throughout the holidays for first responders is sincerely appreciated.

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 561
- Citations – 107
- Accidents – 35 (0 fatal, 3 injuries, 32 property damage)
- Arrests – 31 (6 juvenile, 25 adult)
- Special events- City Christmas Parade and THSO DUI Saturation
- Training Hours- 60 HRS

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

- We have had a lot of tree and limb work at Pleasant Run Creek Park and we finished building the main sign at Hatchie River Park
- Routine maintenance

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

- Our 6-10 year old youth basketball season will begin next Saturday. We have over 100 kids participating this year
- Our adult volleyball league is going well and will end on this month
- The youth 11-14 year old basketball league registration will begin at the end of the month
- Men's adult basketball (35 and older) is also going well and will end this month
- The gymnasium floor is complete and all activities have returned to normal

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Taking down Christmas decorations
- Picking up leaves
- January is bulky item month- reminder no tires, no demolition, no refrigerant
- The main arm on one of the front-loading dumpster trucks broke. We were able to weld it back together but not sure how long it will hold

- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS
- Everything else is routine
- The Mayor and Council thanked the department for a job well done on the City's Christmas decorations

Bolivar Regional Planning Commission – Councilman Golden

- The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met in a special called meeting on December 16, 2021 to review and discuss rezoning property at corner of Tate Road and Pecan Drive. The Commission voted to forward a positive recommendation to the City Council.

Library, Becky White, Director(absent)

- Donations, copies, fines and fares revenues- \$573.80
- Total programs- 2 with 59 participants
- Circulation Report- Materials- 1,111, Computer Users- 210, WiFi Users- 3,893, READS-514

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 10
- Building permits written– 2
- Building Inspections – 2
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 20
- Attended Planning Commission meeting

Devco- Mayor McTizic: Nothing to report

EMS Report- Joyce Noles, Regional Director

- Joyce updated the Council on how things are going with the newly created City of Bolivar EMS. At this meeting date the EMS has been in business for 10 days. Things are going smoothly so far and the calls are exceeding their projected numbers for this time frame.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- a. **First Reading of Ordinance 22-001: Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bolivar**
This ordinance will allow for the approximately 5.83 acres at the corner of Tate Road and Pecan Drive (Tax Map 0701 Parcels 001.29, 001.30, and 001.31) to be rezoned from H-1 (Hospital/Medical) to R-3 (High Density Residential).
- b. **Approval for Interest on new Capital Outlay Note for Sidearm Garbage Truck**
The Council approved in June 2021 for Sanitation to by a new sidearm garbage truck. The truck should be delivered sometime in February. We received interest quotes for the loan amount from all local banks and the Mayor read off all the quotes to the council. Mayor McTizic recommended to the Council to approve CB&S bank that came in with the lowest interest rate of 2.45%. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve doing the capital outlay note with CB&S Bank with an interest rate of 2.45%. All voted "Aye".

c. **Approval for New Front loader Dumpster Truck**

The Mayor informed the council in more detail about one of our front loader dumpster trucks having an arm that broke. The Sanitation Department was able to weld the arm back together but not sure how long that will hold. The Mayor as well as the Council discussed how important it was the city bought a new one, especially out of concern for the safety of our employees driving the truck. The Sanitation department would like to go ahead put an order in for the truck because the delivery time is out approximately 6 months. Councilman Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve the purchase of a new front loader dumpster truck. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder