

Bolivar City Council Meeting
August 9, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, August 9, 2021, 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 Carol Spinks
Councilman Tommie Woods
Councilman Carol Spinks

Others present: Steve Maroney, Attorney, Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Becky White, Ricky Watkins, Gary and Diane Barber, Monroe Woods, Coach Stacey Swift and members of the 12u Storm baseball team, Coaches and players of the 7th and 8th grade Hardeman County Tigers basketball team, and members of the Build a Better Bolivar members.

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 July 12, 2021 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Crawford made a motion, second by Councilman Lowe to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

a. Recognition of the Hardeman County Tigers Basketball Team

Mayor McTizic asked the coaches and players of the Hardeman County Tigers basketball team to come to the front. The coaches introduced the players and themselves then talked about their season this year. The team recently played in the National Tournament in Dallas, TX and placed 6th out of 52 teams. They thanked Mayor McTizic and the Council for the inviting them and for recognizing their successful season.

b. Recognition of Storm 12U Travel Baseball Team

Mayor McTizic invited Coach Stacey Swift and team members of the Storm 12U Baseball Team to the front. Coach Swift talked about their season and winning the World Series Tournament in Texas then thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition.

c. Recognition of the Build a Better Bolivar Members

The Mayor invited the members of the Build a Better Bolivar to the front. Mr. Joe Vandyke explained to the Council and guests what their goal was for the Build a Better Bolivar team and how they are helping our local children. Mr. Vandyke told about all the activities the children have been able to participate in during this summer program.

d. Retirement Proclamation for Mr. Gary Barber

Mayor McTizic invited Mr. Gary Baber to the front and presented a Retirement Proclamation for Mr. Barber. The Mayor thanked Mr. Gary for his many years of service to our country, county, city and the citizens of Hardeman County. Mr. Barber retired in July from 40 years of service at Walmart.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met July 26, 2021. The following was discussed and approved:

- Todd Lowe signed his Oath of Office
- Approved the fiscal year 21 Bad Debt write off of \$19,922.23
- The Board approved the switch from Exceleron to Orbit One Pay for all online payments and IVR payments. Hope to save BEA around \$500 per month. Set to go live October 1, 2021.
- Changed August Board meeting to August 26, 2021 because of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association annual meeting.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on July 14, 2021. The following was discussed and approved:

- The Utility Board is recommending approval of a bid to relocate a gas line on Old Hwy 64. Councilman Woods made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve the bid from R. Jones Underground to relocate the gas line on Old Hwy 64. All voted "Aye".
- Utility Board will be taking bids on gas line replacement on Hwy 57 outside of Middleton city limits. We will be replacing 2000 ft. of 2 inch high pressure steel and approximately 11,000 feet if 4 inch plastic pipe.
- Gas prices for August .74
- Everything else is routine

Fire – Chief Lynn Price (absent)

- Total fire calls – 10 (9 city, 1 county)
- Training hours – 302
- Smoke alarms installed – 7
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 8
- The structure and grass fires reported above were fires started due to the improper use of fireworks.

- The department provided fire suppression support for Pine Meadows Healthcare, the City of Bolivar Red, White, & Bolivar event, and local fireworks stands during their respective fireworks events.
- Hydrostatic testing on the required SCBA cylinders has been completed for 2021.
- The department participated in the 2021 Bolivar Works Job Fair on July 15, 2021 and Camp Bolivar event on July 20, 2021.
- Firefighters completed their Advanced Extrication training on July 31, 2021.

Police – Chief Mike Jones (absent)

- Calls for service – 631
- Citations – 168
- Accidents – 23 (3 injuries, 20 property damage)
- Arrests – 44 (4 juvenile, 40 adult)
- Special events included – Red, White and Bolivar Celebration, 3 THSO DUI Saturations, 4 Keeping TN Beautiful Cleanup
- Training Hours- 56 HRS

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

- We signed a contract with A2H to plan and oversee the construction of Sand Beach Lake playground, pavilion and restrooms. The Diabetes Grant will pay \$150,000 toward these projects.
- We hosted a softball tournament and had 11 pavilion reservations at City Park.
- Routine maintenance

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

- Our 5-13 year old Soccer League registration started on July 15 and will end on August 28.
- The city is sponsoring a Corn Hole Tournament on August 28th starting at 5 p.m. at the Farmers Market. The cost is \$20 per team entry.
- Our Intro to Tennis for Youth Camp will continue on the last Saturday of every month at the tennis courts at City Park. The ages 5-8 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., ages 9-12 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Community Walk was held on July 10th at the Sand Beach Lake and we look forward to continue this on every 2nd Saturday at the park.
- The adult exercise class is going well and we've had 25 participants so far.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Cutting grass downtown
- Bush hogging throughout the city
- Pressure washing sidewalks downtown
- Picked up a lot of bulky items during July
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS
- **Open Sealed Bids for Old Brush Truck:**
There were two sealed bids for the 1999 International Brush Truck presented to the Mayor and Council. The first bid was from Mr. Larry Watkins for \$11,000 and the second bid was from J&M Tree Service for \$13,000. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Rhea to accept the bid from J&M Tree Service for \$13,000. All voted "Aye".

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

The Planning Commission met on July 19, 2021 to discuss and review the following:

- The Hardeman County Community Health Center (HCCHC) submitted a site plan for review. The plan is for a 5,613 sq. ft. structure, 28 parking space lot and dedicated trash/dumpster receptacle on a 3.03-acre site located on Nuckolls Rd. The commission voted to approve the site upon submission of stamped and signed plans.
- The Commission discussed and reviewed the draft plans for a bicycle and pedestrian plan that was presented. It was explained this plan was prepared as part of a Multi-Modal Grant. The Commission recommended to forward a favorable recommendation of the plan to the City Council. The vote will be held in the September regular scheduled Council meeting.

Library – Becky White, Director

- Financials: \$626.95 from donations, copies, fines and faxes.
- Total Programs – 13 with 167 participants
- Circulation report – Material Circulation- 999, Computer users 252, Wi Fi users 1,800, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 452

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilman Suzanne Rhea

Did not meet the month of July

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 6
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 4
- Plumbing Inspections – 4
- Mechanical Inspections – 4
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 30
- Met with Planning Commission on July 19. 2021

DevCo – Mayor McTizic

- Discussion and presentation with Crossroads Wi-Fi and supplying the city

Old Business:

a. Update on County Landfill

Mayor McTizic invited County Mayor Sain up to update the Council and guests on the status of the County Landfill. Mayor Sain had a video presentation prepared to explain where the county is on getting the landfill back open. After the brief presentation, Mayor Sain noted that he is working with TEDC and A2H Engineering, and Robert Stegall, Engineer. Mayor Sain described what the plan was to get the landfill in operating condition again and agreed to keep the Council up to date on the progress.

New Business:

a. First Reading of Ordinance 21-003- Amend Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-215:

This Ordinance is to amend Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4-215 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to establish 3 new holidays for the City of Bolivar. This Ordinance would add Columbus Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, and give city

employees a 3 week time period to take a day off for their birthday. Councilman Crawford made a motion, second by Councilman Golden to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-003. All voted "Aye".

b. First Reading of Ordinance 21-004- Amend Ordinance 20-003:

This Ordinance is to amend Ordinance 20-003, Relative to the budget ordinance for fiscal year 2021-2022, Ordinance 21-002. Mayor McTizic explained to the Council this amendment is to pay the city firefighters their holiday pay from fiscal year 2020-2021. The City of Bolivar's policy states that all holidays have to be used by June 30 of that ending fiscal year. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Fire Department was unable to take all of their holidays because they were short staffed. This amendment allows for the firefighters to be paid for those holidays they were unable to take. Councilman Spinks made a motion, second by McKinnie to approve first reading of Ordinance 21-004. All voted "Aye".

c. Approval for the Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant Application:

Mayor McTizic explained to the Council the City of Bolivar would like to apply for the Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant to put a splashpad at the City Park. He then asked for approval by vote to apply for this grant. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, second by Councilman Spinks to approve applying for the Blue Cross Healthy Places Grant. All voted "Aye".

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