

Bolivar City Council Meeting
February 14, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, February 14, 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 Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilman Carol Spinks

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, Attorney, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Eddie Henson, Ricky Watkins, Cliff Henson, Curtis Stack, Anthony Ford, a representative with West TN EMS, and Joey Geter, Auditor for Cowart, Reese, and Sargent.

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 January 10, 2022 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Crawford to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and also mentioned to Save the Date for February 18th at 10:00 am for a special announcement at the Luez Theatre
- b. Mayor McTizic updated the Council that the renovations on EMS building is starting to move along now that TDOT has approved. He also let the Council know that the renovations on the old Chamber of Commerce building has been move up as a priority. There are some things in the old building that need to be done as soon as possible so there is no further damage.
- c. The mayor announced the city offices will be closed on February 21, 2022 in observance of President's Day
- d. Mayor McTizic asked the Council member if the March scheduled meeting could be rescheduled due to the mayor being out of town attending meetings in Washington D.C. The Council members decided on March 7th, 2022 for the next council meeting.

Mayor McTizic then invited Mr. Joey Geter to present the 2020-2021 Audit. The City is in good position and overall it was a very clean audit.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on January 21, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken:

- Approved the line of credit for \$1.5 million with the Bank of Fayette County with an interest rate of 3.25%
- Added 2 holidays to the BEA Calendar:
 1. Juneteenth- offices will be closed June 20th, 2022
 2. Columbus Day- offices will be closed October 10th, 2022
- Approved to move forward with the Fiber to the Home project
- BEA will be closed February 21, 2022 for President's Day

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met February 2nd and the following was discussed:

- Joey Geter delivered and went over the audit with the Utility Board. The Utility Department received a good report.
- It was announced the Utility Department received \$361,000.00 for a CDBG Grant. This grant covers water and sewer infrastructure. The plan is to replace 2 main sewer lift stations. One being on Martindale St. and the other on Ruby Lane. Construction should start around April 1.
- The Utility Department is another step closer to send in applications for projects to use the TDEC ARP money
- Gas prices this month are at \$0.98. The Utility Board decided to give the consumers a price break due to the pre-buying that was done and bring that cost down to \$0.88.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 21 (13 city, 8 county)
- Training hours – 309
- Smoke alarms installed – 3
- Fire Code Inspections – 2
- The department has submitted the 2022 Assistance for Firefighters Grant to FEMA
- The 2022 Annual Report has been submitted
- The 2021 Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Educational Incentive Reports have been submitted
- Lieutenants attended officer training with Jackson Fire Department
- Lt. Seaton conducted fire extinguisher training and emergence exit reviews with the Simon's Fish Camp and Grill staff prior to their opening

Police – Chief Mike Jones (Absent) presented by Asst. Chief Eddie Henson

- Calls for service – 572
- Citations – 129
- Accidents – 7 (0 fatal, 0 injuries, 7 property damage)
- Arrests – 40 (6 juvenile, 34 adult)
- Special events- THSO DUI Saturation
- Training Hours- 69 HRS

Parks Department – Curtis Stack, Director

- We've been working on our ball fields preparing for the upcoming season in which the first baseball game is scheduled for February 14. Also, we've been working on swimming pool to get it ready for the upcoming season
- Routine maintenance

Activities Department- Anthony Ford, Director

- Our 6-10 year old youth basketball season is going well. Saturday the 19th will be our 4th week of the season.
- The line dance class is on Tuesday and Thursdays at 5:00. The attendance has been great!
- The youth 11-14 year old basketball league registration will begin at the end on February 18th
- Men's adult basketball (35 and older) is also going well and will end next month

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent (absent)

- Painting parking space lines
- Patching potholes
- Replacing faded signs around town
- Hauled gravel for Parks Department
- January was bulky item month. The next one will be in April.
- Both of our dumpster trucks have been down this month and one is still in the shop
- We received our new residential garbage truck on February 8th
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS
- Everything else is routine

Bolivar Regional Planning Commission – Councilman Golden

- The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met on January 18 to discuss and review rezoning application of property at Hwy 64 and Walton Road from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). The Commission also voted to include the property of Lloyd Sipes from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1 and the Landfill property from B-1 to M-2. The Commission is forwarding a favorable recommendation to the City Council to rezone these 3 properties.

Library, Becky White, Director(absent)

- Donations, copies, fines and fares revenues- \$650.45

- Total programs- 3 with 54 participants
- Circulation Report- Materials- 1,280, Computer Users- 286, WiFi Users- 4,173, READS- 627

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 8
- Building permits written– 2
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 15

EMS- Update Report for January

- Total Responses- 250
- Total Transports- 220

Devco- Mayor McTizic: Nothing to report

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

a. Second Reading of Ordinance 22-001: Rezoning of property at corner of Tate & Pecan

Second reading of Ordinance 22-001 which will amend the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning the corner of Tate Road and Pecan Drive (Tax Map 070 Parcels 001.29, 001.30, and 001.31) from H-1 (Hospital-Medical) to R-3 (High Density Residential). At this time Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilman Rhea made a motion, Councilman Woods second the motion to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye”. There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 22-001, Councilman Woods made a motion, second by Councilman McKinnie to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye”. Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 22-001. There being no questions Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve the second reading of Ordinance 22-001. All voted “Aye”.

b. First Reading of Ordinance 22-002: Rezoning of property at Walton Rd & Hwy 64

First reading of Ordinance 22-002 which will amend the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning 3 properties at Hwy 64 and Walton Rd. The properties owned by Benjamin and Clara Roman (Tax Map 062 Parcel 005.00) and Lloyd Sipes (Tax Map 062 Parcels 005.06 and 005.07) from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential). Also, the property owned by Lloyd Sipes (Tax Map 062

Parcel 005.05) from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1. The Hardeman County Landfill property (Tax Map 062 Parcel 005.04) from B-1 (Neighborhood Business to M-2 (Heavy Industrial). Councilman Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Ordinance 22-002. All voted "Aye".

c. **Approval of Resolution 2022-02: Allocate ARP Funds to Support Broadband**

This resolution will approve the City of Bolivar to pledge a portion of its available ARPA funds to eligible grant recipients building broadband infrastructure. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve Resolution 2022-02. All voted "Aye".

d. **Approval of Skycop Cameras**

Mayor McTizic notified the Council at their retreat in January that we are in need of additional Skycop Cameras. The mayor had a final cost of quote on getting 3 Skycop Cameras totaling \$21,315.00. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the purchase of 3 new Skycop Cameras. All voted "Aye".

e. **Opening of Bids for Fire Department Floors**

There were 3 sealed bids presented to Mayor McTizic for refinishing the Fire Department's bay floors. The first bid was from Niser Floor Company coming in at \$27,110.00, the second bid was from Memphis Coatings Company coming in at \$25,493.05 and the third bid was from Vincraft coming in at \$22,713.00. After a brief discussion, there was a motion made by Councilman McKinnie, seconded by Councilman Golden to accept the lowest bid coming from Vincraft for \$22,713.00. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder

