

City of Bolivar Council Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday July 13, 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 Carol Spinks
Councilman Page Walley

Absent:

Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger-City Administrator, Steve Maroney-City Attorney, Sarah Rice, Don and Ann Cherry, Ricky Watkins, Rusty McClellan

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

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes for June 8, 2020 regular meeting. Councilman Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Councilman Joy seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes for the Called Meeting, June 29, 2020. Councilman Joy stated he would like to discuss the motion that was made at the called meeting on June 29, 2020 concerning the City Attorney not having a cap on the charge to file the law suit that was discussed. Councilman Joy stated there were two councilmen absent at this meeting and he thought they should be given the opportunity to rescind this motion and place a cap on the charges for the city attorney to file the lawsuit. Mayor McTizic asked if there was a motion to rescind the motion that was made from last month's meeting. There being no motion to rescind, Mayor McTizic asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of June 29, 2020. Councilman Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilman Spinks. All voted "Aye," except Councilman Joy who voted "No."

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic reported he had spoken with Councilman Larry McKinnie and he was recovering and plans to be back at the regular scheduled council meeting on August 10th. Mr. McKinnie thanked everyone for all the calls and prayers.

Mayor McTizic stated he moved the council meetings back to the council chambers due to much better reception for this to be televised and recorded on Facebook live for the citizens to watch. Due to Covid-19 the department heads are not required to attend the meeting but everyone has a copy of their reports.

Mayor McTizic reported he gave each councilmember a list of all the boards regular scheduled meeting dates. He would like all the Chairman's of these board to make sure these dates were back on regular schedules. Mayor McTizic encouraged all council members to attend these meeting if they would like to.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Mike Miller, Executive Director Bolivar Housing Authority, Discuss Sidewalks and Street repairs at Eastside Court and Northside Heights Apartments

Mr. Miller thanked Mayor McTizic and all councilmembers for being supportive of Bolivar Housing Authority's mission to provide safe, sanitary and affordable housing and for the leadership all the council provide the residents within the east Bolivar voting district.

Mr. Miller gave a brief history of how the public housing authority was established in 1958, through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He reported that HUD built and subsidized the buildings and rents and the City of Bolivar would own and be responsible for the infrastructure including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks, natural gas, water and sewer lines.

Mr. Miller stated since the building of apartments on East Margin, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Naylor and Hazelgrove Streets, he has no record to show the sidewalks have been repaired or replaced and that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive has been properly repaired and/or repaved.

He reported Bolivar Housing Authority, through use of HUD was awarded Capital fund grants to be used to maintain the housing structures. The Capital fund grants technically does not allow Bolivar Housing Authority to use the funds toward infrastructure projects on property owned by the City of Bolivar, such as the streets and sidewalks.

Bolivar Housing Authority's engineer estimated the street and sidewalk repair/replacement for both locations will cost between \$500,000 and \$750,000 total. Mr. Miller stated he realizes the City of Bolivar is unable to pay that amount but he was asking that the City of Bolivar apply for a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the project.

After a short discussion, Mayor McTizic commended Mr. Miller for the job he is doing and stated he would have Ms. Cathy Mayfield, Grant Administrator for the City of Bolivar to

begin researching for a grant to help accommodate these needs. The city council members thanked Mr. Miller for his presentation and were on board to help find grants to fund these projects.

B. Board Appointments:

Bolivar Housing Authority – Judith Shackelford (5) year term, expired October 2019

Bolivar Housing Authority – Jesse Williams (5) year term, expired September 2018

Bolivar Industrial Board – Rickey Bishop (6) year term, expired June 2019

Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to accept all three of the board appointments. Councilman Lowe moved, seconded by Councilman Crawford to approve the re-appointments for the three board members. All voted “Aye.”

Community Development:

Mayor McTizic recognized Mr. Rusty McClellan who was present to discuss the drainage ditch behind his property located on Union Street. Mr. McClellan stated he has been dealing with this problem for at least 10 years. He asked who does the ditch belongs to, him or the city and who is responsible for making sure it is draining properly. Mayor McTizic stated he is familiar with this problem and had taken the city engineer over to his property a couple of weeks ago. Mayor McTizic stated the ditch is on Mr. McClellan’s property and we have had city employees over there to clean it out several times and he would contact our engineer and have him to begin working on an engineering report immediately to determine what the problem is. Mr. Steve Maroney, Attorney, was asked if the city was responsible for this ditch if it is not on city property. He stated the city is prohibited to do work on private property and the general law is if anyone impedes the natural flow of water and reverts it on someone else, they will bear the consequences. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor McTizic stated the City would check the ditch to make sure it was not being blocked and contact our engineer immediately.

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

Attest: