

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, July 7, 2025, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Larry McKinnie
Councilmember Caroline Miller
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Chris Williams
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Others present: Kevin Snider, City Attorney, Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Tim Warren, Chief Lynn Price, Asst. Chief Eddie Henson, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Brandon Burvee, Leon McNeal, Mayor Todd Pulse, and family of the 10U and 12U Dizzy Dean softball and baseball all star teams.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. The mayor then asked Councilmember Woods to lead the group in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the June 9th regular council meeting and June 23, 2025 Special Called City Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- A. Mayor McTizic thanked all of the city employees for their hard work at Red, White, and Bolivar celebration and making it a success again this year.
- B. The mayor asked the council if the regular schedule city council meeting on August 11 could be rescheduled to another date. It was decided that the next meeting will be held on August 12th.
- C. Mayor McTizic then welcomed special guests in attendance. He first asked that the Dizzy Dean 10U Softball All Stars would come to the front. The team placed 2nd place in the Dizzy Dean World Series, and did a fantastic job representing Bolivar. The team's head coach told the councilmember about the league, and how All Stars are selected. He noted that he was very proud of this team for making it as far as they did in the tournament. Next the mayor asked the 12U Dizzy Dean Baseball All Stars to come to the front. The mayor congratulated them on their successful season, and for coming in 2nd place at the Dizzy Dean World Series. Mayor McTizic asked Coach Bobby Hensley if he would like to say anything about the teams. Mr. Hensley stated that they placed second at out eight teams nationwide in the Dizzy Dean World Series. He noted that is pretty impressive for a little town like Bolivar playing against leagues that have 20 plus kids on a team. We're going down there competing against cities from Georgia would have 150 teams of 12 kids in each in a league, and we take a little of the kids from

Hardeman County to play against them. It's awesome. Mayor McTizic congratulated the teams again on a fantastic season! Both teams got a standing ovation from the crowd.

Public Comments: NONE

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

Bolivar Energy Authority did not submit a report for their June board meeting.

Utilities- Tim Warren, Assistant Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on July 2nd and discussed the following:

- The Board sends a favorable recommendation to the Council to approve the bid award to TJ Construction for the TDEC ARP Grant. This is for the galvanized waterline project.
- Tennessee Public Utilities Commission (TPUC) has completed their inspection and found no violation.
- The Utility department will be replacing the altitude valves on Moss Lane and Lake Street water towers.
- Gas prices are at \$0.73 for July.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price

- Total Fire Calls- 98 (87 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-2, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 64 (64 city, 0 county)
- Training Hours- 175
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 12
- Fire Code Inspections- 12
- Public Relations Event- 2

Police- Assistant Chief Eddie Henson

- Calls for service- 648
- Citations- 171
- Accidents- 24 (0 fatal, 5 injuries, 19 property damages)
- Arrest- 29 (1 juvenile, 28 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force -10
- Training Hours- 240

Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director

- The youth summer golf league is going well and will end on Wednesday July 30th.
- The summer basketball camp was a success and ended on June 30th.
- We will begin the 2025 youth soccer registrations on July 21st.
- We have been primarily focusing the end of June and beginning of July on the Red, White, and Bolivar event preparation at Sand Beach Lake.

Councilmember Williams asked Mr. Ford what all was being done at the West Park ball fields. Mr. Ford replied that all 3 fields are getting some renovation. The stadium concrete bleachers are obviously is being flattened and that level is being taken out where the steps go up. They are very steep steps right now. There will be bleachers and standing bleachers put in. The dugouts are being painted. All the buildings are being painted and also the fence. The outfield fence is down now and will be redone. The large tree that's kind of bucking up the parking lot area, we will take it down and we'll level that off and repave that parking area. The middle field, obviously the concession stand area, restrooms, they'll be redone. I think there'll be some heating and air work done. They may be replaced in both of the Optimus and the middle field. So, there is a lot going on to get the fields redone. Councilmember Williams noted that it is looking great and he is very excited about the remodeled fields.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Tons taken to landfill: 315.58 for commercial, and 134.60 for residential for a total of 450.18 tons.
- Picked up brush and leaves.
- Mowed and weed eaten around town.
- Paving for city streets is complete.
- Bulky items will run through the month of July.

Library- Becky White, Director

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$971.65
- Summer Programs: 19, Total Participates: 172,
- Passive Programs: 1, Total Participates: 8
- Estimated patronage: 549
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 7, Guests- 7
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,196, Computer Users-284, Wi Fi users- 2,453, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-578, History Room-5, Microfilm Reader usage-1
- 2024-2025 Year End Totals:
 - Circulation: 13,001 physical, 7,536 READS
 - Program Attendance: 186 adults, 22 young adults, 132 0-5 yr olds, 452 6-11 yr olds, 254 all ages

Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations-3
- Building Permits Written- 5
- Building Inspections- 3
- Plumbing Inspections- 1
- Mechanical Inspections- 1
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 30

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director- Absent

- Assisted with preparations for Red, White, and Bolivar.
- Attended International Economic Development Council's Rural Summit.
- Attended Southwest Development District's MTAS Retail Recruitment Strategies workshop.
- Attended branding meeting for Bolivar's Bicentennial Celebration.
- Attended consultation for Watson Farm certification.
- The Timbers hosted four events.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A. First Reading of Ordinance 25-010: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bolivar by Rezoning the Property located at 1090 Vildo Road (Watson Property) from FAR (Forestry, Agriculture, Residential) to M-2 (Heavy Industrial)

This Ordinance will amend the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning the property owned located at 1090 Vildo Road from FAR to M-2. Mayor McTizic noted that this site will be shown to industrial prospects and the Bolivar Industrial Board currently has an Option Agreement on the property. This property was annexed into the city limits for the purpose of industrial recruitment. He also noted that the Planning Commission sends a favorable recommendation for this rezoning. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-010 amending the official zoning map of Bolivar by rezoning the property located at 1090 Vildo Road from FAR to M-2. All voted "Aye".

B. Resolution 2025-010: A Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the PEP “Safety Partners” Matching Safety Grant Program

This Resolution will authorize the Bolivar Fire Department to apply for the PEP “Safety Partners” matching safety grant. Mayor McTizic noted that the Fire Department applies for this grant every year, and asked Chief Price what the funds will be used for this year. Chief Price stated that safety vests, inspection gloves, safety tape, and safety jackets will be purchased. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve Resolution 2025-010 authorizing the participation in the PEP “Safety Partners” matching grant. All voted “Aye”.

C. Approval of Bid Award to T.J. Construction for the TDEC ARP Grant for the Galvanized Water Line

Mayor McTizic asked for approval to award T.J. Construction the bid for the TDEC ARP Grant for the Galvanized Water Line Project in the amount of \$624,783.96. A2H engineers overseeing the project wrote a letter of recommendation to the mayor and council to approve the bid award. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the bid award to T.J. Construction for the Galvanized Water Line project in the amount of \$624,783.96. All voted “Aye”.

D. Discussion/Approval of Proposal from Obsidian regarding FEMA Recovery

A proposal was presented to the City Council members from Obsidian, an agency that helps cities and counties with FEMA applications for disaster recovery. Mayor McTizic noted that he had read over the proposal several weeks ago but was waiting for confirmation that the city would be eligible for disaster recovery from FEMA before bringing the proposal up for discussion. Ms. Norma Eaton came before the Councilmembers to tell them about Obsidian and what their services are. She noted that she is working with Hardeman County, and other cities within Hardeman County as well as neighboring cities and counties. After some discussion, Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve the proposal from Obsidian. All voted “Aye”.

Mayor McTizic let the Councilmembers know Mayor Todd Pulse asked to come to the front to discuss the library. This discussion is in regards to the proposal of a new agreement that the city has sent the county after a meeting was held in August 2024. The proposal has been sent to the county numerous times; however, nothing has been signed. Mayor Pulse came before the Council asking for no changes to be made, to keep the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed in 2010 the same for now but with both current mayors’ signature. Councilmember Miller spoke up and noted she feels that all stake holders involved needs to meet and discuss then what is decided should come before the Councilmembers. After much discussion, it was decided that the mayors along with lawyers, city and council elected representatives on the Library Board, and Library Board Chair should all set another meeting time to discuss. It is noted that the city has set up meetings for the stake holders in the past and no one from the county has attended. This discussion is to be continued at a later date.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder