

Bolivar City Council Meeting

Monday, February 12, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, February 12, 2024, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Councilmember Todd Lowe  
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Others present: Charity Howell, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Demetrice Beauregard, Jessica Phillips, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Joey Geter, Atty. Kevin Snider.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Ricky Watkins 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 January 8, 2024 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. City offices will be closed February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.
- b. Annual Mayor's Charity Ball will be April 6, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Bolivar Municipal Building
- c. Mayor McTizic asked the Hardeman County Commission for Black History to come up tell all about all the things they had going on throughout the month of February. The committee for Black History invited Mayor, Council and all citizens to attend the exhibit.
- d. Councilmember Miller invited all to Dixie Benefit and Funeral Home for the free showing of the movie Origin on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

**Public Comments: None**

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Electric- Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on January 29, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. The following action was taken by the Board:

- The Board was given an update of the financial position of BEA by our Rate Consultant, Chris Mitchell. Our solar farm has saved BEA and its customers \$228,000 this year.
- Fiber update:
  - 3082 active residential customers
  - 205 business customers
  - 238 waiting for connection
  - We currently have a 38% take rate
  - BEA will be closed February 19, 2024, for President's Day

### **Utilities- Jim Nuckolls**

The Bolivar Utility Board met on February 7<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following:

- Joey Geter with Cowart Reese Sargent presented the Utility department audit to the board.
- The Utility Board voted and approved to purchase a new electro fusion for computer system for gas and water meters. Cost is \$17,491.92 both purchases are sole source purchases.
- Gas prices are at \$0.65 for February.

### **Fire- Chief Lynn Price**

- Total Fire Calls-35 (24 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- Training Hours- 288
- Smoke Alarms Installed-12
- Fire Code Inspections-10
- Public Relations Events-0

### **Police- Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service-470
- Citations- 112
- Accidents-17 (0 fatal, 0 injury, 17 property damage)
- Arrest-29 (2 juvenile, 27 adult)
- Special Events-0
- Training Hours- 10

### **Parks and Recreation- Asst. Demetrice Beauregard**

- We have begun to prepare the baseball fields and parks for the spring and summer months.
- Adult exercise (line dance) class continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm. Also, adult pickle ball is on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 9am-11pm
- The youth basketball league (6-10 age group) is going well. The 11-14 age group registration has begun and will run through March 1, 2024.
- We will explore an intro to tennis summer league to generate more interest to the sport. More information will be available during the spring.

### **Street and Sanitation**

- Picking up leaves and branches
- Tons taken to landfill: 304.48 commercial, and 141.01 residential for a total of 445.49 tons.
- January was bulky item pick up
- Everything else routine

### **Library- Jessica Phillips, Director**

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$627.70
- Total Programs: 8, Total Participates: 20, Estimated January patronage: 585
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation-1,756, Computer Users-250, Wi Fi users-2,697, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-709, History Room-7, Microfilm Reader usage-3, History Room Materials Circulated-13

### **Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations-6
- Building Permits Written-1
- Building Inspections-1
- Courtesy Notices Issues-20

**Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director**

- Attended a TDOT future planning discussion group with other city representatives to listen to and give thoughts on future TDOT projects that directly affect the City of Bolivar.
- Planned events and sponsorship opportunities for 2024.
- Met with Main Street and Chamber directors to plan and align schedules for 2024.
- Began promoting and selling tickets for 2024 Live at the Luez concert series.
- Met with Build a Better Bolivar committee to finalize plans for group outings for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and continue our efforts with the Cinderella Project.

**Bolivar Planning Commission**

- The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met in a regular meeting January 29, 2024 at 5:00p.m. to review and discuss the following:
- Election of officers
- Review and consideration of site plans for a new Dollar General that will be located at 312 East Market Street.

**Old Business:**

Approved a new date March 11, 2024 for the Public Hearing on proposed Annexation by Referendum

**New Business:**

- A. Joey Geter with Cowart Reese Sargent presented the 2022-2023 audit to the mayor and council.
- B. The Utility Department received a TDEC ARP Grant and needs to open a separate bank account for the funds at Simmons Bank. A motion to open an account was made by Councilmember Chris Williams, seconded by Councilmember Larry McKinnie. All voted "Aye."
- C. Industrial Park Purchase of the Old ICE building was discussed. Purchase price is around \$100,00. We will take care of the taxes at Hardeman County Chancery Court \$23,702.66, Hardeman County Trustee \$14,792.00, City of Bolivar \$6,602.00 and give Mr. Sean Clancey a check for \$62,169.00. A motion to purchase the ICE building and property was made by Council Member Larry McKinnie, seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Rhea. All voted "Aye."

There being no further business, Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, Seconded by Councilmember Golden to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder