

Bolivar City Council Meeting

April 11, 2022

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m., 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 Carolyn Spinks

**Absent:**

Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, and Kevin Snider, Attorneys, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Lynn Price, Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, family of the late K9 Officer Boris, and the family of Devin Ford.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Ricky Watkins 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 two sets of minutes from March 7, 2022 regular Council meeting and Special Called meeting on March 30, 2022. There being no corrections, Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve both sets of minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

**Mayor's Report:**

- a. The mayor announced city offices will be close on April 15, 2022 in observance of Good Friday
- b. Mayor McTizic reported the city Easter Egg hunt at Bolivar Elementary was a success and the kids plus city staff really enjoyed the event
- c. Mayor McTizic had a special Memorial Resolution to present to the late K9 Officer Boris's family. They came to the front and was presented the Resolution and was thanked for Boris's many years of service to the City of Bolivar.
- d. The mayor then read a Proclamation for Autism Awareness Month. He recognized Mr. Devin Ford, a city autistic citizen, and his family. Devin and his family came to the front and Devin was presented some of his favorite things including the Autism Awareness Proclamation and Bolivar baseball hat. It was a very special moment for his family.

- e. There will be a Spring Festival held on April 30<sup>th</sup> that is being sponsored by Wall Innovations, LLC. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.
- f. Mayor McTizic had a Special Events Permit Application that was presented for approval. This permit relates to Ordinance 17-006 that allows for consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property if a Special Events Permit is approved by the City Council. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden for a Special Events permit to be approved for a Crawfish and Wings event being held by Jonathon Joy at the Farmer's Market. Councilman Crawford voted "No" on the event permit and All other Councilmen voted "Aye". The motion carried with a 6 to 1 vote.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Electric – Mayor McTizic**

The Bolivar Energy Board met on March 24, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken:

- The Board approved the Utiligo system which provides field personnel a mobile app to view and update system information in the field. This will be used in the daily operations of the system and storm restoration.
- Passed the increase of the pole rental charge for outside lights. This equals to an increase of between .17 to .61 cents per month depending on the pole size.
- Approved D&H Contracting as the contractor for the BEA Mainline Fiber Construction Project

### **Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director**

The Utility Board had their regular scheduled meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following:

- Approved 3 gas line extensions at the following locations:
  1. Sand Springs Road- 0.1 mile
  2. Ervin Lane- 0.5 miles
  3. Peavine Road- 1.3 miles
- The State of TN performed the sanitary survey inspection on the water treatment plant and the entire distribution system resulting in a score of 99% out of 100%
- Gas Prices for April- \$0.87

### **Fire – Chief Lynn Price**

- Total fire calls – 24 (18 city,6 county)
- Training hours – 274
- Smoke alarms installed – 15
- Fire Code Inspections – 3
- Public Relations Events- 0
- Work was completed on the apparatus bay floor on March 11, 2022
- We provided code compliance coverage at the request of Bolivar Central High for their district and region basketball games
- Chief Price attended the Fire Service Day on the Hill

- The department was awarded the 2022 Volunteer Fire Equipment and Training Grant
- The annual flow tests of all SCBA packs were completed with no deficiencies noted
- We participated in a volunteer firefighter recruitment event at Walmart Supercenter

**Police – Chief Mike Jones**

- Calls for service – 577
- Citations – 124
- Accidents – 13 (0 fatal, 5 injuries, 8 property damage)
- Arrests – 34 (2 juvenile, 32 adult)
- Special events- Salute the Vietnam Veterans, DUI Saturations- 2
- Training Hours- 350 HRS

**Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director**

- Our 6-10 year old youth basketball season ended and we attended the Memphis Grizzlies game on April 10<sup>th</sup> with the kids that participated. We had around 50 attendees and everyone had a great time
- The line dance exercise class for adults is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm. The attendance is now over 50 adults per evening
- The 11-14 year old basketball league has started. They play on Mondays and Thursdays
- The construction of the playground has begun at Sand Beach Lake and is going well
- The septic tank at the baseball field on Hwy 64 was repaired at the end of March. It is looking like more repairs will be needed soon to maintain its optimal functioning

**Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent**

- Cutting grass
- Picking up paper and litter around town as well as leaves and brush
- Cleaning out ditches
- Our new front loader dumpster truck delivered end of March
- Bulky item pickup started April 1 and will go through April 30
- Still hauling garbage to Walnut, MS
- Bid opening for asphalt contract of 2022. There were 2 sealed bids presented to the council. The first one was from Martin Paving Company at \$150.00 per ton, and the second one was from Fowler Paving Company at \$110.00 per ton. After a short discussion, Councilman McKinnie made a motion to approve the bid from Fowler Paving, seconded by Councilman Hill. All voted “Aye”.

**Library, Becky White, Director(absent)**

- Financials- donations, copies, fines and fares revenues; \$894.75
- Total Programs- 6
- Circulation Report- Materials: 1,406, Computer Users: 244, Wi Fi Users: 2,303, and READS: 599

**Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins**

- Building Consultations – 6
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 5
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 15

**EMS- Nothing reported**

**Devco- Mayor McTizic- Nothing new to report**

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

**a. Appointment of new BEA Board member**

BEA Board member, Ms. Whinton, passed away leaving an empty seat. Mayor McTizic recommended Ms. Leann Shelton to fill this vacancy. Councilman Crawford made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve Ms. Shelton to fill the vacant seat on the BEA Board. All voted “Aye”.

**b. Appointment of new board member for Hardeman County Equalization**

Mayor McTizic recommended Ms. Stacey Lipford to be appointed to the board of Hardeman County Equalization. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve Ms. Lipford to be appointed to the Hardeman County Equalization Board. All voted “Aye”.

**c. Approval for Lease Agreement on the Optimist Baseball Field**

Mayor McTizic has been working with Hardeman County Board of Education as well as Bolivar Central High School baseball coaches to create a lease agreement on the Bolivar Optimist Field/High School Baseball Field. The terms and conditions were presented to the Council for approval. After discussion on the lease, Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the lease agreement between City of Bolivar and Hardeman County Board of Education on the Optimist Baseball/High School Field. All voted “Aye”.

**Community Development: None**

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

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Clerk & Recorder

