

Bolivar City Council Meeting
August 8, 2022
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, August 8, 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
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Cliff Henson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, County Mayor Elect Todd Pulse, and Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare

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 Hill 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 July 11, 2022 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor gave Councilman Spinks the floor so she could announce an invitation to the Community Block Party that she was helping organize.
- b. Mayor McTizic welcomed County Mayor elect Todd Pulse that was in attendance.
- c. The mayor showed the council and those in attendance the remodeling plans for the city's future NeighborHub building.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on July 25, 2022 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- Approved the bad debit write off for \$21,557.98 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
- Approved the Memorial Resolution for Miss Marne Whitenton.
- Accepted the 457 Retirement Amendment allowing an in service distribution once an employee reaches 59 ½ years of age with no penalty.

- On Aug 8th BEA held an announcement ceremony announcing the broadband in partnership with Aeneas.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The Utility Board met August 3, 2022 and the following was discussed:

- Utility department will be advertising for a trailer jetter for our remote sewer mains next month.
- The Water plant's scada system took a lightning strike last week. Repairs are almost complete.
- Gas prices for August came in at \$1.23 per hundred cubic feet.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 32 (17 city, 15 county)
- Training hours – 297
- Smoke alarms installed – 14
- Fire Code Inspections – 13
- Public Relations Events- 2
- Fire Suppression- Fireworks Events- 4

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 696
- Citations – 130
- Accidents – 23 (0 fatal, 2 injuries, 21 property damage)
- Arrests – 43 (4 juvenile, 39 adult)
- Special events- 6 THSO DUI Saturation, Red, White, and Bolivar
- Training Hours- 112 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- We have installed a new water fountain and bottle refill station at Sand Beach Lake. Many thanks to Mr. Cliff and Utility department for installing this for us. We are also working to add a water fountain at Frog Town Park.
- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- The youth soccer registration has begun and will run through August 28th.
- The city pool has closed for the summer as of August 5th.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Painting lines and arrows on roadways
- Painting crosswalks around town
- Pressure washing sidewalks
- Cutting grass
- Paved LaFayette Street
- Picked up bulky items all of July
- Still hauling trash to Walnut, MS, it's been 2 years now

Library, Becky White, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, & Faxes- \$1,003.20
- Total Programs- 5
- Total Participates- 177

- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,450, Computer Users- 292, Wi Fi Users- 2,239, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 670

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 5
- Building permits written– 1
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 3
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 30
- Ricky reminded the Slum committee that there will be a hearing after the council meeting.

EMS- Bobby Thompson

- Total Responses for July- 239 and 208 transports

Planning Commission, Councilman Golden

The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met on July 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm to discuss the following:

- A site plan was submitted for review and consideration for Wall Innovations. The site is located at the Bolivar Industrial Park on Lucy Black Rd. After review and discussion, the Planning Commission approved the site plan.

Historical Zoning Commission, Councilman Rhea

The Historic Zoning Commission met on July 21, 2022 at 5:00 pm to discuss the following:

- COA for Hatchie River Soapworks located at 113 S. Main Street- An application was submitted for approval of changing paint color on the outside of the building as well as adding signage and lighting. There were questions regarding the signage by Chairman Grantham and the owners were not in attendance to answer. This COA application was tabled until the August meeting.
- COA for new signage for Brick’s Café located at 100 S. Main Street- An application was submitted for approval for new signage for Brick’s Café. Brick’s Café owner, Ms. Demetria McTizic was present to answer questions the commission had regarding her sign. The new sign was approved by the commission.
- Discussion on the beginning construction on Taxi Alley Woodfire Pizza was brought before the commission. Chairman Grantham informed the commission that the work has begun on the inside renovating the newly planned restaurant. The new restaurant is located at the corner of Main Street and Jackson. He will keep the commission updated as the work progresses.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- a. **Second Reading of Ordinance 22-008: Amend Ordinance 22-007 Relative to the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**
 Ordinance 22-008 is to amend the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$175,000.00. The amount of \$95,000.00 will come from General Fund and \$80,000.00 from State Street Aid Fund. This amount will be used to asphalt Lafayette Street and Water Street. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman McKinnie to approve the second reading of Ordinance 22-008. All voted “Aye”.

b. **Resolution 22-007: Public Entity Safety Partners**

This Resolution authorizes the City of Bolivar to participate in the "Safety Partners" Matching Safety Grant program. Passing this Resolution authorizes the city to submit an application for this grant and to provide a matching sum. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve Resolution 22-007. All voted "Aye".

c. **Approval to close the bank account that was opened for the Governor's Appropriation Grant.**

This grant is over and with \$23.25 left in the account after all uses for the grant were paid the city would like to close this account. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve to close the bank account opened for the Governor's Appropriation Grant. All voted "Aye".

d. **Approval for a Cooperative Purchase Agreement for Amphitheater at Sand Beach**

This agreement will allow the City of Bolivar to go into a contract for the planned amphitheater at Sand Beach Lake. The city was awarded a grant to help fund this project. Councilman Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the purchase agreement for the amphitheater. All voted "Aye".

Community Development: NONE

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder