

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, February 8, 2021, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Larry Crawford
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Jonathan Joy
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Joyce M. Woods

Absent: Councilman Carol Spinks

Others Present: Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Sarah Rice, Joey Geter, CPA, Caroline Miller, Darrell Teubner, Bethany Miller, Latese Jones, Dr. Barbara Fitzhugh, Brenda Woods

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and thanked the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Councilman Larry Crawford led the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any correction to the minutes of the January 11, 2021, Council meeting. There being no correction, Councilman Crawford moved, seconded by Councilman Joy to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any correction to the minutes of the Beer Board held on January 19, 2021, meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic stated today was Councilman Larry Crawford's birthday and wished him a very "Happy Birthday".

Mayor McTizic announced there will be an Entrepreneur Empowerment Workshop held at the Luez Theater on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6:00 PM. This workshop is sponsored by the City of Bolivar, Main Street, Jackson State, and Small Business Development Centers. Mayor McTizic invited all councilmembers to attend.

Mayor McTizic reported the bid opening for the Hatchie River Park still came in \$100,000 over budget. He is working with Mr. Stack, Recreation Director, to determine how this can be downsized. Mayor McTizic will report on this next month.

Old Business:

A. Discuss purchase of new sanitation brush truck in the amount of \$153,753.69

Mayor McTizic informed the board Ms. Dellinger had requested bids from all the local banks on a tax-free loan to purchase a new brush truck for the sanitation department. CB& S Bank quoted the lowest rate for a 5-year loan. Mayor McTizic stated after reviewing all the bids he felt it would be the best financial decision to accept the 5-year rate of 2.69% from CB& S Bank. Councilman Larry McKinnie stated he felt like the sanitation department has enough funds in their fund balance to pay for the truck instead of making another loan. After further discussion, Councilman Larry Crawford made a motion to accept the bid of 2.69% on a 5-year loan from CB& S Bank and keep the money in the fund balance in case of emergencies. Councilman Suzanne Rhea seconded the motion. All voted "Aye" except Councilman Larry McKinnie who voted "No". Motion passed.

New Business:

A. Presentation of the 2020 Audit Report – Joey Geter

Mr. Geter thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing their firm to do the audit for the City of Bolivar. He stated the City was in good financial condition and had about \$3.3 million in cash and cash equivalents within the general fund and a total fund balance of \$4,163,362 in the Governmental Funds. The Water and Sewer Department had a net income of \$436,223.00 and the Gas Department had a net income of \$364,757.00. Mr. Geter stated these department were financially sound. Mr. Geter stated this was an unqualified audit, which is the best you can get, with no findings. After a short discussion, Councilman Crawford moved, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the City of Bolivar 2020 audit as presented. All voted "Aye."

B. Resolution 2021-02, A resolution to secure Hussey, Gay, Bell to provide assistance in the preparation and implementation of the City's 2021 CDBG grant application

Mayor McTizic stated this resolution is to accept the engineer firm to assist with the grant application. Councilman Joy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Golden to approve Resolution 2021-002. All voted "Aye."

C. Resolution 2021-03, A resolution to secure Community Development Partners, LLC to conduct the work necessary to complete the CDBG application on a no-cost basis, Community Development Partners will assist in the preparation and administration of the 2021 CDBG grant application

Mayor McTizic stated this resolution will allow Community Development Partners to assist with the application. Councilman McKinnie moved, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve Resolution 2021-003. All voted "Aye."

There being no further business, Councilman McKinnie moved, seconded by Councilman Rhea to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator

Julian A. McTizic, Sr., Mayor