

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, April 14, 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: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Eddie Vandiver, Leon McNeal, Ruby Kirby, and Darren Grantham.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic 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 February 24, 2025 Special Called meeting and the March 24, 2025 regular council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- A. Mayor McTizic noted that the city offices would be closed on April 18th in observance of Good Friday.
- B. The mayor thanked everyone who attended and supported the 2025 Mayor's Charity Ball. He thanked all of the city staff that helped prepare for the event.
- C. Mayor McTizic thanked all of the department heads and city staff that assisted in the clean up in Grand Junction after the community was hit by a tornado.
- D. The city will hopefully get assistance from FEMA on the repairs of Tate Road and Polk Street due to the intensive and heavy rainfalls the area received.
- E. The mayor stated that there will be a public meeting on May 5th on the possible new multi-use sportsplex. He noted that he would like the council to meet at 6:00 pm and begin the public meeting at 6:30 pm. This is to hear from the community on the potential project.
- F. Mayor McTizic welcomed Mayor Pulse to the front. Mayor Pulse thanked the city workers and especially Mayor McTizic for his support and guidance during the disaster clean up. He also thanked the city for feeding all of the workers during that week, and supplies that were donated.
- G. The mayor then welcomed Darren Grantham with Hardeman County EMA to the front. Mr. Grantham also thanked Mayor McTizic and all the city workers for their help with the clean up in Grand Junction after the tornado. He also brought before the council the newly requirement of "NIMS" certification

for elected officials and any other senior personnel that has oversight over the support and response during an emergency. He noted that this is a requirement for any federal assistance. Mr. Grantham let the council know that this could be done on line, and he was also going to look into doing an in person training for Hardeman County. He will get the information to the mayor for disbursement to everyone that needs to get certified.

H. Spring Fling will be held on April 26th.

Public Comments:

A. Mr. Johnnie Nelson came before the council to discuss the honorary street signs. Mayor McTizic let him know that the signs had been ordered and he would contact him whenever they came in.

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on March 31, 2025, for their regular monthly meeting. The following was discussed by the board:

- The BEA Board appointed Hannah Swift as Secretary/Treasurer. She will be taking Tammy Foote's position upon her retirement.
- Fiber Update:
 - 44% take rate
 - Total customers- 4,700

Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on April 2nd and discuss the following:

- The Utility department has been assisting the Street department with the repairs on Tate Road.
- The board discussed the need to replace the utility truck that was wrecked.
- TEAC is still negotiating gas contracts.
- The altitude valve installation is complete.
- Gas prices are at \$0.76 for April.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price

- Total Fire Calls- 91 (76 city, 15 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- EMR Assist Calls- 65 (63 city, 2 county)
- Training Hours- 354
- Smoke Alarms Installed- 134
- Fire Code Inspections- 15
- Public Relations Event- 2

Police- Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service- 607
- Citations- 194
- Accidents- 22 (0 fatal, 8 injuries, 14 property damages)
- Arrest- 62 (4 juvenile, 58 adult)
- Special Events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force -14
- Training Hours- 360
- Councilmember Williams asked how the task force was going. Chief Jones stated it was going well.
- Councilmember McKinnie asked if training hours included in-service hours. Chief Jones stated it did.

Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director- absent

- We have ordered new LED lights for the flag pole at the middle field on Hwy 64 and plan to have it up this month.
- Our youth basketball 15-18 yr olds league registration will end on April 18.
- We will begin our search for possible summer lifeguards at the city pool.
- Our youth basketball for 11-14 year old league ended on April 1st. The league was competitive and was a success.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Tons taken to landfill: 303.33 commercial, and 137.02 residential for a total of 440.35 tons.
- Picked up brush and leaves.
- Continued work on Tate Road sink hole.
- Assisted with clean up in Grand Junction after the tornado.
- Bulky item pick continues through the end of April.
- Asphalt Bid- advertising for asphalt was published and the city only received one bid. The bid was from Fowler Paving Company for \$134.00 a ton of virgin mix asphalt. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember McKinnie to accept the bid from Fowler Paving. All voted "Aye".

Library- Becky White, Director - Absent

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,099.25
- Total Programs: 4, Total Participates: 22, Estimated February patronage: 595
- Meeting Room: Bookings- 24, Guests- 36
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,356, Computer Users-284, Wi Fi users- 2,768, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-595, History Room-24, Microfilm Reader usage-2, History Room Materials Circulated-12

Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations-7
- Building Permits Written- 2
- Building Inspections- 2
- Plumbing Inspections- 1
- Mechanical Inspections- 0
- Courtesy Notices Issues- 30

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Met with Thomas McAnally, representative of the Mid-South Shriners, on their interest in hosting a Shriner's Carnival in Bolivar.
- Completed a Small Business Support call with Retail Strategies on kicking off our current grant through TECD.
- Hosted a sold out show at the Luez Theater featuring BIG/GUN AC/CC tribute band.
- Note: This month's show at the Luez featuring Nashville Songwriters was postponed due to the storms and flooding.

Old Business:

A. Resolution 2025-007: A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Goods and Service under the NASPO Valuepoint Cooperative Purchasing Program

This Resolution will be authorizing the purchase of goods and services under the NASPO Valuepoint Cooperative Purchasing Program. The mayor explained that this will allow the city to purchase goods without having to advertise for bids under this program as it complies with the State of Tennessee procurement law. He went on to explain that the new fire truck under the CDBG grant that the city was awarded will be purchased under this program. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve Resolution 2025-007. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

A. Representative from West Tennessee Healthcare

Mayor McTizic welcomed Ms. Ruby Kirby from Bolivar General Hospital which is owned by West Tennessee Healthcare to the front to discuss details of the new hospital that will be built. Ms. Ruby stated that the new micro-hospital that is being built will offer the same out patient services that the current hospital does, and they will be adding more emergency rooms. She explained that most of the current building is not in use and it is in much need for repairs and updates. West TN Healthcare received a \$9.6 million dollar grant from the State of TN Department of Health to help fund the new hospital and West TN Healthcare will cover any expenses outside of the grant. Ms. Kirby noted that WTHC plans to have final plans for the new hospital submitted to the State by June, and have the build complete by Winter of 2026. She let the council know that once she receives the blueprints she will share with the mayor and councilmembers. Ms. Ruby noted that the moral at the hospital has uplifted and everyone is very excited. She thanked the city and the citizens of Bolivar for all of their support. Mayor McTizic asked if anyone had any questions for Ms. Ruby. Councilmember McKinnie asked if the hospital will still be doing surgery at the new location. Ms. Kirby noted that Bolivar General has not done surgery in 20 years, and there will not be surgery at the new hospital. Councilmember Woods asked about the staffing of doctors. Ms. Ruby noted that being in the WTHC network that doctors are on rotation and there will be a doctor on staff at all times. Councilmember Williams thanked Ms. Ruby and WTHC for their support and investment in Bolivar.

B. First Reading of Ordinance 25-004: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of Bolivar for property located at 550 Vildo Road from B-1 (Neighborhood Business) to H-1 (Hospital Medical)

An Ordinance was presented that will rezone the property located at 550 Vildo to H-1 from B-1. This is the property where the new hospital will be built. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the first reading of Ordinance 25-004. All voted "Aye".

C. Resolution 2025-005: A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Recreational Trail Grant

This Resolution authorizes the city to submit an application for a Recreational Trail Grant. The city will request \$392,000.00 from the grant with the match being 20% which will be up to \$98,000.00. The mayor explained that if awarded this grant the trails around Sand Beach Lake will be paved. He also noted that he wanted to include Pleasant Run trail as well but the grant would not cover both parks. If awarded this grant, he would like to apply again for the Pleasant Run trail. Councilmember Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve Resolution 2025-005. All voted "Aye".

D. Resolution 2025-006: A Resolution Authorizing MTAS to update Bolivar's Municipal Code Book

This Resolution will authorize MTAS to update the Municipal Code Book at the earliest possible date. The mayor explained that MTAS suggests updating code books at least every 10 years, and Bolivar's has not been updated in 9 years. Passing this Resolution will put Bolivar on the waiting list for MTAS to revise the code book at the earliest possible date. The mayor also noted that any future changes to

the charter or ordinances passed will be included. Councilmember McKinnie asked if this would include any changes made after the upcoming election. Mayor McTizic noted that if there are any changes before the printing of the new code book they will be included. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve Resolution 2025-006. All voted "Aye".

E. Approval of Board Members for DevCo

Mayor McTizic brought before the council DevCo board appointments for approval. Councilmember McKinnie asked how many members are on the DevCo board. The mayor noted that the bylaws allow for up to 12 board members. DevCo is asking for approval for the below board appointments:

- New Board members- Brad Kessler, Jeff Shackelford, and Willie Spencer
- Reappointments- Jac Belet, Calvin Howell, Scott Ledbetter, Michael Miller, Mayor Todd Pulse, Bobby Sain, Rashad Smith, and Darrell Teubner

Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the DevCo new Board members and reappointments. Councilmember Miller sustained from voting; all others voted "Aye". Motion Carried.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder