

Bolivar City Council Meeting
August 8, 2017
5:30 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in a regularly scheduled session Tuesday, August 8, 2017, with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Tracy Byrum
Melvin Golden
Jonathan Joy
Todd Lowe
Larry McKinnie
Suzanne Rhea

Absent:

Page Walley

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, Steve Maroney, Don Cherry, Faye McTizic, Sarah Rice, Lt. Michion Gatlin, Pat Baker, Ginger Tester, Linda McKinnie, Jazmon Harper, Verna Harper, Jeremy McKinnie, L.C. McKinnie, Curtis McKinnie, Melvin McKinnie, Laronda Harris, Kelshara Mason, Danny Cheshier, Bethany Miller, Bailee Hutchinson, Ken Griggs, Mike Miller, Ralph Lake, Maria Howell.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. At this time, Pastor John Jicka of Bolivar First Baptist Church was called upon to open the meeting with prayer. This was followed by Mayor McTizic leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes – July 11, 2017: The minutes from the July 11th meeting were reviewed. With no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Councilman Todd Lowe and seconded by Councilman Jonathan Joy to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye".

Mayor's Report

The Grand Opening of Pleasant Run Creek Park was postponed last week due to rain. It has been re-scheduled for Friday, August 11th at 11:30 AM.

Councilman Quantissia Hamer resigned her position effective July 31, 2017. (See attached) Each council member has been given a copy of the procedures and applications the governing body will go by to select a replacement to serve the two years remaining of her term.

Council packets will no longer be delivered to your homes. You will receive the council meeting information by email the Thursday before the meeting on Monday. If you would like to pick up a hard copy of the complete packet and any mail you receive at City Hall, you will be able to go by the Fire Department any time Thursday afternoon – Monday before 9:00 pm. Please call them at 658-9545 to let them know you are on your way.

Councilman Wally will not be here tonight but he is listening through a conference call and with Facebook live.

Also, I would like to say Happy Birthday to our Administrator, Mrs. Shelia Dellinger. Today is her birthday.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Electric- Todd Lowe

The BEA Board approved purchase of transformer for Union Springs Substation, \$279,000. BEA rate consultant presented the results of last cost of service study. BEA is in excellent financial position with no projected increase in BEA's portion of the electrical rate in the next 18-24 months. The last increase in the BEA portion of retail rates was April 2013.

Utilities – Cliff Henson, Director

The following was discussed at the Bolivar Utility Board's August meeting:

- Gas prices are still at 0.65 per 100 cu. ft. We've had no increase the past two months.
- The Scada system that communicates between the water tanks and clear wells to our treatment plant is not working. The company that installed the system 6 years ago has informed us we are in need of an upgrade and new computer. The Utility Board approved the purchase of the upgrade and computer. They also agreed to purchase the service agreement with Micro-Com, which could save thousands of dollars due to the aging system.
- We received our solid waste permit. We will begin hauling sludge from the Lagoon to the Landfill this week.
- Keeping within the guidelines of the last rate increase, we have begun to give notice of the upcoming rate increase. This increase is based on the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), as determined and published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The average increase this year will be approximately .70 per month.

Fire – Lt. Michion Gatlin

Statistical Report for the Fire Department:

- Fire Calls – 12 (County calls 7, City calls 5)
- Fire Service Injury – 1, Civilian Fire Injury – 1
- Training hours – 237
- Smoke alarms installed – 39
- Preplan courtesy inspections – 26

Events:

- 7/11/17 – Incident Command Tabletop Exercise at Pine Meadows Healthcare
- 7/25/17 - Community of Hope – Public Education Event
- 7/29/17 - NAACP Back to School Event – Public Relations Event
- 7/29/17 – United We Stand Community Day – Public Relations Event

Other Department Information:

Interviews were conducted for one of two vacant firefighter positions. Volunteer Firefighter Rory White was selected to fill the position. Rory has served as a volunteer firefighter with the department for 8 years and is certified by the Tenn. Fire & Codes Academy as a firefighter and is also certified to the

Hazardous Materials Awareness level by the Tennessee Commission of Firefighting and was named the 2016 Firefighter of the Year.

Police - Chief Pat Baker

Service for the month of July included:

- Calls for service – 1013
- Citations – 336
- Accidents – 25 (Injury – 1, Property damage – 24)
- Arrest – 29 (Juvenile – 1, Adult – 28)
- Had an opening for an officer. There were several applications. A certified officer from McNairy County with 6 years of experience was hired.

Parks and Recreation – Curtis Stack, Director (Read by Mayor McTizic)

Mayor McTizic asked that everyone keep Curtis Stack's father in their prayers. He has been in the hospital for quite some time.

The following activities with the Parks and Recreation Department are reported:

- Recreation – Daily activities have been routine.
- Youth Coed Soccer Registration for 4 – 13 year olds is now through August 31.
- The leagues are scheduled to begin on September 15 and will play weekdays at the City Park.
- Park Activities – Continuing to work at Pleasant Creek Park

Street and Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

The following is reported for the Street and Sanitation Departments:

- Worked on restrooms at Pleasant Creek Park
- Cutting grass route with tractors
- Grass is being cut around the downtown area
- Worked on shoulder across from the Clift Street lake, hauled dirt and put up fence to prevent dumping
- Picking up trash alongside streets
- Repaired sidewalk on W. Market St.
- Bulky items will be picked up in January, April, July and October

Planning Commission – Councilman Melvin Golden

No meeting for July

Library – Bailee Hutchinson, Director

The following is reported from the library:

- Total programs – 47
- Total participants – 1,022
- Summer Reading Program – 59 families registered. 157 adults, 78 teens, and 211 kids turned in weekly reading slips for prizes. The Grand Prize drawing for these categories was Friday, August

4th. The Summer Food Program concluded last Friday. We were able to feed 1,034 children this summer.

Monthly highlights:

- The 2018 Technology Tech Grant was applied for. It was a 50/50 matching grant. We were awarded \$2,960. We will be receiving 6 desktops to replace out of warranty public computers, 6 warranties for the desktops, 2 devices to replace 2 CPUs to allow patrons to access the library catalog and repurpose another computer as a children's computer, 12 Office licenses to update laptops to be used for technology classes. Security software for all computers and laptops, and 11 monitors to replace ours which are over 10 years old.
- We were awarded a Technology Training Grant which is funded 90% by the State. Our library received \$6,038.10 which will allow us to have some paid instructors for needed technology classes and equipment. Classes will begin sometime in September.
- The Bolivar Community of Hope in partnership with the Library and Casey Family Programs hosted a meet, greet, and eat cookout on Johnson Street the 25th of July. It went really well and thanks to all the support from our Mayor, City Officials, and the police and fire departments.

Circulation Report:

- Total circulation – 3,332
- Computer Users – 1,332
- READS program – 491

New and Upcoming Programs

- Pre-school Story time with Ms. Shana has been moved to Wednesday at 10:30 am. We will be having a special Eclipse story time on the 16th.

Million Penny Challenge Report

- 701,490 (6/13)

Trainings/Continuing Education Courses

- Three staff attended 2 different trainings this month receiving a total of 12 hours of continuing education credits.

Senior Citizens – Peggy Adelman, Director

The month of July included the following:

- Average Daily Attendance – Mon-Wed-Fri (5), Tues-Thurs (12)
- Monthly Meal (lunch) at BOZO's in Mason, TN on July 26th, (7 attended)
- Picnic with Selmer Senior Citizen's at Selmer Park on July 7th (14 attended)
- Kathy Pilcek from CARIS Hospice in Somerville came on July 11th to call BINGO and brought gifts
- Eight attended the monthly visit to Middleton Methodist Church for lunch and BINGO on July 14th
- Joyce Pirtle for the Medicare SHIP Program here on July 17th
- Barbara Turnbo from Legacy Hospice in Selmer came on July 18th for BINGO and brought gifts.
- Monthly visit from Cheryl at the Library on July 19th
- Lunch at Hebron Church on July 20th (13 attended)
- Movie and popcorn day on July 21st

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

Reported for July, 2017:

- Building consultations – 7
- Building permits written – 1
- Building inspections – 4
- Courtesy notices issued – 77

Special Called Meeting of the BZA – Mayor McTizic

(Report from Shelton Merrell, SWTDD Regional Planner – Read by Mayor McTizic)

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on August 3, 2017 regarding an application submitted by Mr. Nawaf (John) Alishmali. Mr. Alishmali is proposing to build a restaurant at the corner of Madison and West Market Street. He requested variances from the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the number of parking spaces required and reduce the front yard setbacks for structures in the B-1 zone. These variances were granted by the BZA due to the lot being a grandfathered lot with a narrow shape at the intersection.

Mr. Merrell also informed the board of the TDOT Transportation Projects for the City of Bolivar that were presented on the TDOT Quarterly Project Status Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2nd Reading/Public Hearing of Ordinance 17-007, “An Ordinance to Amend Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 1-102 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to Change the Meeting Time to 6:00 PM on the Second Monday of Each Month”**

Due to conflicts with work hours and days, the council was asked to consider changing the meeting time to 6:00 PM instead of 5:30 PM and the second Monday of each month instead of Tuesday. This has passed on first reading. A motion was made by Councilman Larry McKinnie and seconded by Councilman Tracy Byrum to leave Executive Session and adjourn to Public Hearing. All voted “Aye”. With no objections from the public, a motion was made by Councilman McKinnie and seconded by Councilman Lowe to reconvene to Executive Session. All voted “Aye”.

After final review of the Ordinance 17-004, to change the meeting time, a motion was made by Councilman Jonathan Joy and seconded by Councilman Melvin Golden to approve Ordinance 17-004 amending Title 1 Chapter 1 Section 1-102 of the Bolivar Municipal Code. All voted “Aye”.

- B. Discussion of Mandatory Retirement for Public Safety**

Mayor McTizic informed the board he had spoken with Mr. Tim Joyce, with the Department of Treasury, and he informed us the City of Bolivar did not have to change, add or delete the current policy we have in place for mandatory retirement for Public Safety employees. This is an option we have the right to do if we choose so. After discussion of the Retirement policy currently in place, it was decided to leave the policy as is. All councilmember concurred.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Memorial Resolution for Bishop Willie T. McKinnie**

*Memorial Resolution
For
Bishop Willie T. McKinnie
April 13, 1948- July 12, 2017*

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in His infinite wisdom, quietly called Bishop Willie T. McKinnie, age 69 of Bolivar, Tennessee home from this world on July 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, he was the second of nine children of the late Leon and Lue Ella McKinnie, raised in Hickory Valley, Tennessee; he accepted Christ at a young age; joined Greater New Hope Baptist Church of Bolivar under the leadership of Elder James Patterson; and he accepted his calling to ministry in 1979, and in 1983 founded Good News Holy Deliverance Church in Bolivar, TN and was instrumental by providing the Good News Crusade radio live broadcast each Saturday on WOJG, 94.7 FM over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, he graduated in 1966 from Bolivar Industrial School, enlisted in the United States Army and served as a Medic during the Vietnam War, he was honorably discharged in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Bishop McKinnie continued his education and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology/Sociology from Austin Peay State University in 1975, and a Master of Arts in Psychology/Counseling in 1978 from East Tennessee State University; and his willingness to devote extra time to students in need of extra help endeared him to students; and others will remember him as one who was modest about his own accomplishments. He had a lifelong commitment to excellence in education and worked as a Guidance Counselor at Bolivar Middle School in which he initiated the "Clean Club". He retired from the Hardeman County School system in 2012 after 32 years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, Bishop McKinnie was a valued outstanding public servant and contributed many accomplishments during his lifetime and demonstrated outstanding area leadership by his service to the City of Bolivar, Board of City Council beginning in 2002 and devotedly assisted as Commissioner of Police and Fire Departments until 2017, along with many other boards and commissions. He sincerely believed in early pre-school literacy by contributing financially, time and energy to the Hardeman County Imagination Library. He served on the Bolivar-Hardeman County Library Board, NAACP, Retired Teachers Association and was carefully and honorably selected by City of Bolivar as the noble Grand Marshal in the 2016 Bolivar Christmas Parade; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated his self by serving the Lord and others through financial contributions to help the needy and aid various health, military and religious organizations and causes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by as Mayor of the City of Bolivar, I Julian A. McTizic Sr., that this Resolution is in memory of Bishop Willie T. McKinnie for his numerous contributions to this community and this Resolution be spread upon the minutes and a copy furnished to his family in appreciation of his life and legacy.

Adopted this the 8th day of August, 2017

Julian A. McTizic, Sr., Mayor

Mayor McTizic presented the attached Memorial Resolution to the family of Bishop Willie T. McKinnie.

B. Discussion of Special Events Permit for Central Business District- Ordinance 17-006

Mayor McTizic introduced Mr. Ken Griggs, who was present to ask for a Special Events Permit for an All White Dinner Party. This would be an inaugural event under the stars and will be hosted by the class of 1982 as a part of their official 35th Class Reunion celebration. Mr. Griggs stated this would be on Court Square and it would be transformed into an enchanting all white venue where hundreds from multiply classes will gather for an elegant evening of dining, live entertainment and dancing. He is asking for permission to have wine and champagne served but not sold on the premises. He explained there would security for the entire time of the event. There was much discussion concerning this special event permit and Ordinance 17-006, "An Ordinance to Amend Title 8 Chapter 1 Section 8-102 of the Bolivar Municipal Code to allow the City Council to Grant Exceptions to the Prohibition of Drinking or Consuming Alcoholic Beverages on Public Property." At this time Councilman Joy made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-006 on 1st Reading. Councilman Golden seconded the motion with all voting "Aye."

C. Discussion of Vehicle Purchase for the Administrative Department from Drug Fund

Mayor McTizic asked the council if they would consider purchasing a vehicle from the City of Bolivar Drug Fund in the amount of \$5,000 for administrative use. This vehicle was seized by the Bolivar Police Department and by State law the drug fund cannot give this vehicle to another department but it can be sold for the amount it was seized for. Mayor McTizic informed the board this would save travel expenses for the Mayor, Council and the Administrator. After a short discussion, Councilman McKinnie moved, seconded by Councilman Golden to purchase the vehicle from the drug fund. All voted "Aye."

D. 1st Reading of Ordinance #17-005, "An Ordinance to Appoint a City Judge Every 4 Years"

Mayor McTizic stated Ordinance 17-005 is "An Ordinance to Amend Title 3 Chapter 1 Section 3-101 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Establishing a Term of Office for the City Judge." This will authorize the Council to establish a term of office for the city judge to serve a specific term of office. A city judge, who shall be a licensed attorney, shall constitute the city court and shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the council to a term of four (4) years. Said term of office to begin 30 days following the beginning of each Mayoral term of office

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SESSION: None

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

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor