

Bolivar City Council
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
5:30 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the Bolivar Municipal Center with the following in attendance:

Present:

Mayor Barrett Stevens
Tracy Byrum
Quintissia Hamer
Randy Hill
Todd Lowe
Larry McKinnie
Willie McKinnie
Julian McTizic
Suzanne Rhea

Absent: Attorney Steve Maroney

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Don and Ann Cherry, Danny Cheshier, Michael Shearin, Calvin Howell, Jessica Simmons, Pat Baker, Bethany Miller, Linda McKinnie, Ricky Watkins

Mayor Stevens welcomed everyone present then asked Councilman Willie McKinnie to open the meeting with prayer. Following prayer, Mayor Stevens lead guests and council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: The Mayor asked was there any needed changes or additions to the minutes of the March meeting. There being none, a motion was made by Councilman Lowe, seconded by Councilman Hill to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye".

Mayor's Report:

On Saturday, April 1st, the City of Bolivar participated in the semi-annual event, Spring Fling, in east Bolivar. The Administrative office along with Southwest Development District provided information on the housing grant that is still ongoing. The Fire Department also participated in providing information about fire safety, FireWise, and fire prevention. The Police Department was very well represented, talking to everyone about safety in the community. This was a worthwhile event and everyone was very appreciative of the involvement of the City of Bolivar.

Saturday, April 8th, Mrs. Dellinger and I went to Paris to help with their "Clean Sweep" clean-up day. This event is in conjunction with the THDA Housing Grant that was awarded to Bolivar and Paris. The City Manager of Paris and a partner of USDA were here in the fall to participate with East Bolivar's "Clean Sweep". This grant will benefit several of the homeowners in our community and we will continue to work with our sister partners from Paris to keep the wheels turning!

This is Easter weekend and the City of Bolivar offices will be closed on Good Friday. Good Friday is the day we remember that Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead. I hope

the story behind important Christian holidays and dates encourages everyone as we take time to reflect on all that God has done for us through his son Jesus Christ!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric/Utilities – Councilman Todd Lowe

Utilities: The Bolivar Utility Board met Wednesday, April 5th at noon and discussed the following:

- A service agreement was approved for Spring Creek and BUD to work together in collecting delinquent accounts
- Mr. Cliff Henson was approved to replace Mr. Clyde Dellinger's appointment to the Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corp. board effective May 3rd since Mr. Dellinger will be retiring
- The Board approved BUD to advertise for a new Zero Turn mower. This is a budgeted item in the gas department
- Gas prices for the month of April is .65 cents

Electric:

- The Energy Authority Board approved the purchase of a service bucket truck at the cost of \$125,000 from All Tech
- Mitchell Management Consultants was chosen as an approved consultant for rate design. The present rate consultant is retiring and needed to be replaced
- BEA received a summary report of a recent bond issue
- The May Board meeting will be changed to Tuesday, May 30th due to Monday being Memorial Day
- BEA received a Certificate of Excellence from the American Public Power Association for significantly out-performing the electric industry national average for system outages
- Since 2006, BEA has received RP3 designation from APPA which deals with reliability, training employees, investment planning, system improvements for future reliability. This goes above and beyond the RP3 designation. The APPA serves over 2000 utilities throughout the United States. This was a very good recognition for our community and our Energy Authority.

Fire and Police – Councilman Willie McKinnie

Police: Service report for the month of March 2017 is as follows:

- Citations – 413
- Accidents – Injury (3), Property Damage (20)
- Arrests – Juvenile (6), Adult (39)

Fire:

- The Fire Department participated in (2) career day events during the month of March
- The department conducted its Spring Firewise Clean Up Days on March 16-17. The department focused on fuel reduction in the Shelby Shea and El Capitan neighborhoods. The next scheduled Firewise event will occur in June 2017 with a door to door assessment and information dissemination event
- Engineers Gary Wiggins and Dylan Henderson successfully completed the requirements to become certified to teach the American Heart Association's Basic Life Support (CPR) course.

- Department personnel are in the process of obtaining TARS Advanced Extrication certification through the Hardeman County Rescue Squad. The training will be completed on April 8, 2017.
- Fire calls for the month of March: Structure fires – 3, false alarms – 7, mutual aid – 5, grass fires – 1, vehicle fires – 3, mva – 1.
- The department participated in 396 of training, completed 5 courtesy inspections, installed 20 smoke alarms, provided Red Cross direct client assistance to one (1) household and conducted 4 fire drills at local schools.

Parks and Recreation – Councilwoman Suzanne Rhea

Activities reported from the Parks and Recreation Department are as follows:

- Youth 11 – 14 basketball leagues continue to play and 15-18 young men are registering
- Adult aerobics continue 2 days per week
- Daily gym walker numbers continue in the mid-thirties per day
- Work continues on restroom construction and the disc golf course at Pleasant Run Park
- Baseball and softball games have started at West Park
- Daily activities and maintenance have been routine

Street and Sanitation – Councilman Randy Hill

Street: During the month of March, the Street Dept. reports the following:

- Assisted with the Vietnam Veteran's Celebration at the armory
- Employees have been picking up litter on the streets
- Picked up a load of cold mix and patching potholes
- Several new street signs have been installed around town
- Mowing and weed eating grass has started
- Repaired wash outs on Poplar Street and Cedar Street
- Repaired sidewalks on Sycamore and Water Streets

Sanitation: Routine daily operations.

*******Bid Openings for Asphalt*******

The Street Department has requested bids for asphalt. Two bids were received and are as follows:

Martin Paving - \$87.00 per ton
Fowler Paving - \$77.90 per ton

Councilman Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Councilman Todd Lowe, to accept the lower bid of \$77.90 per ton from Fowler Paving. Motion carried by roll call vote with all voting "Aye".

Planning Commission – Councilwoman Quintissia Hamer

The Planning Commission met Monday, March 20th at the Municipal Center and discussed the following:

- Denied the previously tabled Todd plat in Urban Growth Boundary due to requested soil maps not submitted
- Approved a subdivision plat of the Albert Keller property on Highway 64
- A training session was provided to members from the planner, Shelton Merrell.

Library/Senior Citizens – Councilman Julian McTizic

Library:

Several programs were conducted in the past month which included:

- Teen Tech Week
- Spring Break Activities
- Family Movie Day
- Reading Across America
- First Baptist Church Preschool Story Hour
- Total circulation for the month of March was 4,433, this includes 685 computer users
- The Library will be having a fund raiser April 20th at 6 PM at Falcon Ridge Farms. Tickets are \$25.00 and may be picked up at the library or from a library board member

Senior Center:

The Senior Center March 2017 report is as follows:

- Daily average attendance Mon – Wed is (6), Tues – Thurs (12)
- The monthly Bingo/lunch trip to the Middleton Methodist Church was March 10th. Seventeen attended
- Cheryl from the library came on March 15th
- St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with cake and punch
- Joyce Pirtle came on March 20th, to talk about the Medicare program

Historic Zoning Commission – Councilwoman Tracy Byrum

The Historic Zoning Commission did not meet during the month of March.

Compliance/Zoning – Councilman Larry McKinnie

The following was reported for the month of March 2017:

- Building Consultations – 8
- Building Permits Written – 6
- Building Inspections – 4
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notices Issued – 20
- Attended Planning Commission and Historic Zoning meetings
- Held Slum Hearing on March 6, 2017 with 7 owners for 10 properties

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bolivar Energy Authority Board Appointment

Mrs. Marne Whitenton's board term with the Energy Authority Board has expired. Mrs. Whitenton has served on this board for several years and has been recommended for this re-appointment. Councilman Todd Lowe made a motion for Mrs. Whitenton's re-appointment to the Bolivar Energy Authority Board, seconded by Councilwoman Quintissia Hamer. All voted "Aye".

Community Development Session -- (No participants signed in)

Before adjournment, Councilman Larry McKinnie wanted to make it known that occasionally when he comes in after the beginning of the meeting it is because he works in Memphis and is sometimes delayed by traffic.

Also, Mayor Stevens announced the organization WRAP will host an informative community event Tuesday, April 18th at 12:30 at the Hardeman County Courthouse in relation to April being Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Larry McKinnie, seconded by Councilman Willie McKinnie.

Meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Mayor Barrett Stevens