

Bolivar City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
5:30 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Bolivar Municipal Center with the following in attendance:

Present:	Absent: None
Mayor Barrett Stevens	
Tracy Byrum	
Quintissia Hamer	
Randy Hill	
Todd Lowe	
Julian McTizic	
Larry McKinnie	
Willie McKinnie	
Suzanne Rhea	

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Jessica Simmons, Page Walley, Rev. Barbara Fitzhugh, Brenda Murrell, Sharon Rivers, Danny Cheshier, Joann Morgan, Jeanette Fentress, Bailee Hutchinson, Gladys Rivers, Peggy Rivers, Gwen Brown, Isaac Richmond

Mayor Stevens welcomed everyone present then called the meeting to order. Councilman Willie McKinnie opened the meeting with prayer followed by Mayor Stevens leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Councilwoman Quintissia Hamer made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the January 10, 2017, council meeting. This was seconded by Councilman Todd Lowe. All voted "Aye".

Mayor's Report

The City of Bolivar will be hosting the 2nd Vietnam Veteran's Celebration on March 4, 2017. There will be a parade beginning at 9:00 AM. Line-up will begin at the Criminal Justice Complex with the parade ending at the National Guard Armory. This year we are very fortunate to have Medal of Honor recipient Major General (ret) James Livingston. There will be a very special ceremony at the Armory beginning at 10:00 a.m. Major General Livingston will also speak at the Bolivar Middle School and Middleton Middle School and High School on Friday, March 3rd. This is a great event and I encourage each of you to attend.

The street lighting project is going well. The main street lights are completed and they are now working on the side streets and subdivisions. About half of the project is completed.

A date needs to be set for the audit report. This was cancelled last month due to a death in the family of Mr. Geter. (The date was set for Monday, March 6th at 6:00 PM.)

Mayor Stevens also mentioned that the videographer of the council meetings, Don Cherry was not able to attend tonight. His son, Lt. Col. Don Cherry, Jr., is assuming command at Ft. Carson, Colorado and they have gone to witness this change of command. Don, Jr. is an army ranger and has taught at the

United States Military Academy. Also, on the same note, Lt. Col. Warner Ross (Nubbin) will be assuming command of the 194th engineering brigade in March and will then be a full Colonel. The community is very proud of these two young men.

Standing Committee Reports

Electric/Utilities – Council Representative Todd Lowe

Electric:

- The board approved renewal of their line of credit at the Bank of Hardeman County
- Issuance of \$ 2.1 million bond for systems improvement was approved.
- BEA will be closed February 20th for President's Day
- The February board meeting has been moved to Thursday February 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Bolivar Utility Dept.:

The Bolivar Utility Board met Wednesday, February 1, 2017. The following was discussed:

- At the suggestion of Mr. Bob Vickers from Spring Creek Utility, a contract was drawn up between Bolivar Utility and Spring Creek for the purpose of continuing to sell water to Spring Creek
- Bids were opened for Shoring Equipment for the gas department. There were two bids received—Chris Georges Sales \$8,210.00 and Lifting Solutions \$8,695.00. The low bid from Chris Georges Sales was recommended.

Councilman Lowe made a motion to accept the low bid from Chris Georges Sales in the amount of \$8,210.00, seconded by Councilman Randy Hill. All voted "Aye".

- Bolivar Gas Department was recently inspected by Tennessee Regulatory Authority. There were no findings and the inspector was highly impressed with the department's personnel training.
- Gas prices for the month will be .68 cents. This is a decrease from last month's .74 cents.

Fire and Police – Council Representative Willie McKinnie

Fire:

- The Bolivar Fire Department participated in one (1) public event during January. Basic Firefighter certification course with live fire training was completed on January 14, 2017
- The required annual inspection of the aerial apparatus was completed on January 11, 2017 with no major deficiencies noted.
- Interviews and physical agility tests were conducted on January 11th for the replacement of Engineer Wesley Jackson. Michael Dylan Henderson was selected and began work on January 19th. Dylan has been a volunteer since 2012 and is a fully certified firefighter, driver/operator and Hazardous Materials operator.
- Lt. Kim Nuckolls completed the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Firefighter II certification on January 17, 2017. Commission in-service requirements for the month of January were completed as well.

- Fire calls for the month of January were as follows: Structure fires (2), false alarms (6), mutual aid (2), grass fires (1), MVA (1)
- The department participated in 321 hrs. of training, completed 28 courtesy inspections, installed 18 smoke alarms, and conducted 4 fire drills at the local schools.

Police:

Service report for the month of January included the following:

- Calls for service – 963
- Citations – 257
- Accidents – injury (7), property damage (16)
- Arrests – juvenile (5), adult (42)

Parks and Recreation – Council Representative Suzanne Rhea

The following activities were reported from the Recreation Department:

- Youth Coed 6 to 10 basketball leagues continue to play with 10 teams participating
- Our Youth Coed 11 to 14 basketball leagues will continue registration through February 15th.
- Daily walker numbers are up and averaging mid- thirties per day
- Work continues on restroom construction at Pleasant Run Park
- Daily activities and maintenance have been routine

Street and Sanitation – Council Representative Randy Hill

The Street/Sanitation Department performed the following during January:

Street:

- Opened up drains on Union Street and Polk Street
- Hauled gravel
- Repaired and painted dumpsters
- Worked on street shoulder on S. Polk St.
- Put posts on corner of Morgan and Madison for barricade
- Hauled scrap dumpsters to Selmer

Sanitation: Routine operations

Planning Commission – Council Representative Quintissia Hamer

The Planning Commission did not meet in the month of January.

Library/Senior Citizens – Council Representative Julian McTizic

Library:

There were a total of 9 programs during the month of January with 126 participants which included the following:

- The Brown Bag Book Club
- Children's Story Hour (every Thursday)
- Snow Day
- Lego Club

- Total circulation for the month of January was 3,720 which includes 1296 computer users
- 6,649 pennies have been raised towards our Penny Challenge

Senior Citizens:

- Average daily attendance Mon-Wed-Fri (8), Tues – Thurs (13)
- Erica Parker, Director of Admissions at Pine Meadows came on Bingo Day, January 5th
- Joyce Pirtle from Medicare came by on January 23rd
- Cheryl from the library visited January 25th.

Historic Zoning Commission – Council Representative Tracy Byrum

The Historic Commission did not meet in January

Compliance/Zoning – Council Representative Larry McKinnie

Report for January included:

- Building consultations – 5
- Building permits written – 1
- Building inspections – 11
- Plumbing inspections – 2
- Mechanical inspections – 2
- Courtesy notices issued – 20
- Attended building inspector training meeting in Humboldt on January 24th.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. 1st Reading Ordinance 17-001, “An Ordinance to Amend Title 12, Section 12-502 of the Bolivar Municipal Code Relative to Sprinkler Systems Standards in one and Two Family Dwellings and Townhouses”

The State of Tennessee has passed a law stating Automatic Sprinkler Systems (section R313 of the International Residential Code) are not required in one and two family dwellings or townhomes that have a 2 hour fire resistance rated wall between units. The purpose of this ordinance is to coincide with and follow state law.

After a brief explanation of the law by Mr. Ricky Watkins, Codes Enforcement Officer, a motion was made by Councilman Randy Hill and seconded by Councilman Todd Lowe to approve Ordinance 17-001. All voted “Aye”.

- B. Brenda Woods, Discussion of house fire of 2015

Ms. Brenda Woods asked to be on the agenda to discuss several issues she had with the Bolivar Fire Department, Mayor Stevens, City Administrator and the council members in regards to a house fire in 2015.

Ms. Woods' house caught on fire in January 2015. The Fire Department responded to this structure fire three times to extinguish it. Through normal protocol to determine the reason for the fire after several returns, the Fire Marshal's office was contacted to investigate the fire. Ms. Woods was not in agreement with Fire Chief Price contacting the Fire Marshal's office.

After Ms. Woods offensively voiced her complaints and opinions to the Council and Chief Price, Mayor Stevens asked was anyone present for the Community Development session. No one signed in for this; therefore, a motion was made by Councilman Larry McKinnie and seconded by Councilman Randy Hill to adjourn. All voted "Aye".

Attest:

Mayor Barrett Stevens

