

City of Bolivar Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020
6:00 PM

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday August 10, 2020, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Larry Crawford
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Jonathan Joy
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Carol Spinks
Councilman Page Walley

Absent:

Councilman Larry McKinnie

Others Present: Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator, Steve Maroney, City Attorney, Don and Ann Cherry, Sarah Rice, Barrett Stevens, Darrell Teubner

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and thanked the guest for attending. At this time, Councilman Larry Crawford led the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes for July 13, 2020, regular meeting. Councilman Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Councilman Spinks seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

Mayor McTizic reported Councilman Larry McKinnie had planned to be at the meeting tonight, but his doctor has not released him to go back to work at this time. Councilman McKinnie told Mayor McTizic he would be back for the September meeting and asked Mayor McTizic to please tell everyone he really did appreciate all the prayers, calls and visits and is looking forward to being back next month.

Mayor McTizic stated he requested the department heads not attend the meeting due to the high number of Covid 19 cases, but everyone should have received a copy of the reports in your packets.

Mayor McTizic stated last week he recognized Ms. Camille Shavon, owner and operator of Hair Expression who has been in business in Bolivar for 30 years. Hair Expression has several locations in West Tennessee, Hardeman, Madison, Fayette and Shelby County.

Mayor McTizic congratulated Councilman Page Walley, who won the Republican nomination for State Senator in the primary election. He stated he wishes him lot of luck in the General Election in November.

Old Business:

Drainage Ditch 317 N. Union Street

Mayor McTizic stated everyone had received a copy of the letter Mr. Robert Stigall had sent regarding the drainage situation at 317 N. Union Street. Mr. Stigall stated based on his study the City of Bolivar has two possible solutions:

- The first option, and expensive one is to install larger culvert(s) across the yard and Union Street. This of course, is expensive and disruptive but is the ultimate solution.
- Second is to discuss possible changes/improvements above ground on the property at 317 N. Union to help divert any overflow away from the house and HVAC unit.

Mr. Stigall stated, for now, please encourage all property owners to monitor and keep any drainage ways clear of debris, this will allow the drainage ditches to work as well as they can.

Mayor McTizic stated the City Street/Sanitation employees have cleaned out all the debris from this ditch and the water is flowing good. The property owner is very pleased and appreciative of this work.

Update from Attorney – Opioid Lawsuit

Attorney Steve Maroney stated he has filed the claim on the opioid lawsuit. He informed the board he had received information that the best practice would be the change the dollar amount “to be determined”. This will be no extra cost to the City, but would like council approval to change this claim. At this time Councilman Larry Crawford made a motion to approve Mr. Maroney to change the claim to read “the dollar amount to be determined”. Councilman Rhea seconded the motion. All voted “Aye.”

New Business:

A. Bolivar Fire Department Cancer Awareness & Prevention Initiative Policy

Chief Lynn Price introduced to the Mayor and City Council a policy that is State law for all fire departments. This policy is to develop a plan of action and adopt such plan, as well as its practices, to protect the firefighters of the Bolivar Fire Department from carcinogens that cause cancer. The annual physicals will be given to each fireman at no cost to the employee. Each physical will cost the City of Bolivar \$345.00 per person. The four types of cancer that are covered by the Barry Brady Act are as follows:

1. Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma
2. Colon Cancer
3. Skin Cancer
4. Multiple Myeloma Cancer

- The Bolivar Fire Department will include screenings in to the annual physicals to cover all of the above-mentioned forms of cancer
- All cancer screening must be completed by July 1, 2020
- Any employee hired on or after July 1, 2019, must have these cancer screenings completed as part of a pre-employment physical.

The City of Bolivar will use a waiver form so each eligible employee may choose to either participate or waiver his/her participation in the program.

After a short discussion, Councilman Lowe made a motion to approve the policy presented. Councilman Crawford seconded the motion with all voting “Aye.”

B. Resolution 2020-03 – A Resolution Authorizing the City of Bolivar to Participate in the “Safety Partners” Matching Grant Program

Mayor McTizic stated this resolution will allow the Bolivar Fire Department to apply for a matching grant for “Safety Partners” through Public Entity Partners. Councilman Rhea moved, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the Bolivar Fire Department to apply for this matching grant through Public Entity Partners. All voted “Aye.”

C. Open an account for the Governor’s Local Gov’t Support Grant - \$138,952, interest bearing account

Proposals were received from the local banks; the highest interest rate was from The Bank of Hardeman County at .60% interest rate. At this time, Councilman Walley made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to accept the rate of .60% from The Bank of Hardeman County to open a new account for these funds. All voted “Aye.”

D. Lease Agreement Changed from “More Than A Few Good Men” to “Hardeman County Wall Builders”

Mayor McTizic stated the building located at 300 E. Jackson Street was leased to More Than A Few Good Men, this building was shared with the Wall Builders. The original lease agreement was in under the name of More Than A Few Good Men. The group did not keep their agreement to abide with the stipulations, therefore the lease was released. Ms. Dewana Cranford is the Chairman of The Wall Builders and has requested to have this lease changed to their organization. She stated they would make sure all the requirements were in place. Council Rhea moved, seconded by Councilman Lowe to have the lease agreement changed over to The Wall Builders. All voted “Aye.”

E. Update on Government Structure Committee

Mayor McTizic stated the Government Structure Committee, Councilman Larry McKinnie, Councilman Todd Lowe, and Councilman Page Walley, have not been able to meet due to

illness and other reasons. This committee was appointed to discuss the position of the Mayor being full-time/part-time, restructuring the City Administrators' position and increasing the salary of councilmembers. Due to the deadline of having an Ordinance approved on final reading by December 18, 2020, which is 60 days before the qualifying date of February 16, 2021, Mayor McTizic asked Councilman Rhea, Councilman Golden, Councilman Spinks and Councilman Crawford if they would be willing to serve on this committee. All accepted the appointment, Mayor McTizic asked Councilman Rhea to serve as the Chairman.

Councilman Walley stated he did not feel this should be titled "part-time/full-time position, it should be based on salary. The committee will meet and prepare an ordinance to present to the full council at the September 14, 2020, meeting.

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

Attest:

City Administrator

Mayor