

Bolivar City Council Meeting

August 14, 2023

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, August 14, 2023, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following 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: Attorney Kevin Snider, Carri Beth Rhea, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill, Darrell Teubner, and Attorney John Burleson

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilmember Woods to lead the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the July 10, 2023 Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic announced city offices will be closed September 4th in observance of Labor Day.
- b. The mayor let the council members know that the 2023 Governor's Conference will be held September 18th and 19th in Chattanooga and if they would like to attend to let him know.

Public Comments:

Mayor McTizic opened the meeting to the public for any comments or concerns. There was no one from the public for comments so the meeting went back to executive session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on July 31, 2023 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- Dr. Frank Wilhite took Oath of Office for his new 5-year term.
- Approved the bad debt write off for \$24,795.09 for the fiscal year ending June 20, 2023.
- Increase the President/CEO's purchasing limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
- Accepted the recommendations from BEA staff to hire Southwest Electric to test the Grand Junction substation. Testing will be done this Fall.
- Approved the consultant agreement between Terry King and BEA for a 2 year term.

- Fiber is now complete in the following areas:
 - Bolivar, Toone, Cloverport, Silerton, Whiteville, Hornsby, Powell Chapel Area, and Hebron Area including Grand Valley Lakes.
 - Currently have 1951 customers, 1800 residential and 151 business. 284 waiting on service.
- BEA invites everyone to attend the BEA/Aeneas 2000 customer celebration August 25th at 11:00 at BEA.

Utilities – Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Utility Board met on August 2, 2023 in regular meeting to discuss the following:

- Received the second payment from Kindermorgan for Marketing Assistance Program (MAP) in the amount of \$10,849.50. This is used to promote public awareness and 811.
- Voted to use Hussey, Gay, Bell Engineering on future projects. This firm has worked with the city utility department for 37 years. The board also agreed to use local Clark Engineering for some of the natural gas projects.
- Around 75% complete on repairing the filter at the water plant.
- Gas prices for August are \$0.65/ccf

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 37 (25 city, 12 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury- 0
- Training hours – 239
- Smoke alarms installed – 12
- Fire Code Inspections – 0
- Public Relations Events- 3

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 703
- Citations – 237
- Accidents – 28 (0 fatal, 6 injuries, 22 property damage)
- Arrests – 27 (6 juvenile, 21 adult)
- Special events- Back to School Car Seat Check, Camp Bolivar
- Training Hours- 259

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- The line dance exercise class for adults continues on Tuesday and Thursdays at 5pm.
- The summer golf league was a success and ended on July 26th.
- Registration for the youth soccer league has begun and will end August 28th.
- The city swimming pool has also been a success this year and it closed on August 1st.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Mowing grass and bush hogging.
- Working on the NeighborHub building.
- Tons taken to landfill in June- Commercial- 308.23 tons, Residential- 154.90 for a total of 463.13 tons.
- July was bulky item pick up.
- Everything else routine.

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$741.50
- Total Programs: 12, Total Participates: 284
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 2,082, Computer Users- 255, Wi Fi Users- 2,492, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 758

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 10
- Building permits written– 0
- Building Inspections – 2
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25
- Assisted with the coordination of building repairs and remodels at the NeighborHub building.
- Did final inspections for Jack’s and issued Certificate of Occupancy.
- Slum and Condemnation Hearing was held following council meeting on 7/10/23.

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Hosted two community block parties in neighborhoods and on court square with the assistance of the Hardeman County Baptist Association. Games and food were provided to guests at no charge.
- Visited with the Carl Perkins Center at their monthly meeting. Discussed how they can be a part of the Christmas festival to not only bring awareness but also raise funds.
- Attended a branding meeting with Tennessee Tech University to help guide and direct new branding for our city and county.

Old Business:

a. Lease Agreement for the NeighborHub

Mayor McTizic presented a proposed lease between Southwest Human Resource Agency (SWHRA) and the City of Bolivar, NeighborHub building. He explained that the city attorney had reviewed and made any necessary changes. After a few questions, Councilmember Miller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the lease between SWHRA and the city. All voted “Aye”.

b. New Bank Account for NeighborHub

Mayor McTizic asked the Council for approval to open a new bank checking account that will be used to pay bills for NeighborHub. This is also where the rent from SWHRA will be deposited. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve opening a new bank account for the NeighborHub. All voted “Aye”.

New Business:

a. Resolution 2023-010: Public Entity Partners “Safety Partners” Matching Grant

This Resolution will authorize the Bolivar Fire Department to participate by submitting an application for the PEP “Safety Partners” Matching Grant. The Fire Department applies for this grant each year and has the matching funds planned in their budget. They will use the funds from this grant to buy additional helmets, gloves, and other gear to ensure safety of the city fire fighters. Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve Resolution 2023-010. All voted “Aye”.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder