

Bolivar City Council Meeting
November 13, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, November 13, 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 Tommie Woods
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Chris Williams

Absent:

Councilmember Caroline Miller

Others present: Charity Howell, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford

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 Tommie Woods to lead the group in prayer and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor McTizic asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the October 16, 2023 council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve the minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- City offices will be closed November 23-24, 2023 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Small Town Big Christmas kicks off December 2, 2023. Ice skating, snow tubing, light show around the lake. Santa will be at the festival of trees.
- Mayor McTizic honored Mrs. Denna Sain for being named Tennessee Science Teacher Association Teacher of the Year.
- The mayor invited the Council to the City Christmas party and the Fire Department party.

Public Comments: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on October 30, 2023 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold presented the fiscal year audit with no findings

- Approved the purchase of a 2.1 million electric system revenue bond for the AMI metering upgrade.
- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Digger Derrick Line truck for \$231,000.00
- Fiber update -active customers 2,793.

Utilities – Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Utility Board met on November 1, 2023 in regular meeting to discuss the following:

- 2 bleach tanks installed at the water plant are up and running.
- Raw water meter installed at water plant is up and running
- Contractor Quinn Co. is putting in 2 lift stations behind the water plant on Ruby Lane and Martindale. These stations are currently underground and are being converted to above ground stations. This was part of the CDBG Grant awarded in 2021.
- Gas prices for October are \$0.66.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 31 (14 city, 17 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury- 1
- Training hours – 314
- Smoke alarms installed – 29
- Fire Code Inspections – 11
- Public Relations Events-14

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 611
- Citations – 227
- Accidents – 14 (0 fatal, 4 injuries, 10 property damage)
- Arrests – 16 (5 juvenile, 11 adult)
- Special events- First Responders Festival, Bolivar BBQ Blow Out
- Training Hours- 36

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- We are preparing for the Christmas light show at Sand Beach Lake and we are installing the scenes in their appropriate places.
- Adult exercise (line dance) class continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5 pm.
- Youth basketball league registration will end on December 1st.
- The adult men basketball league registration has begun and will run through November 30th.
- The adult volleyball league has begun and will run through the end of the year.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Mowing grass, weed eating, and bush hogging.
- Prepared for the Bolivar BBQ Blowout by painting line for team spots, delivered extra trash cans, metal cans for ashes, and extra dumpsters.
- Starting to assemble Christmas decorations and checking lights.
- Tons taken to landfill: 289.21 commercial, and 145.77 residential for a total of 434.98 tons
- Everything else routine.

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director (absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$882.70
- Total Programs: 9, Total Participates:164, Estimated August Patronage:625

- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,952, Computer Users- 331, Wi Fi Users- 3,648, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 674

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 5
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 5
- Plumbing Inspections – 2
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 15

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Attended Build a Better Bolivar meeting. Kicked off “Cinderella Project” collecting prom dresses, shoes, and jewelry for those in need during prom season.
- Attended the Bicentennial Celebration at the Hardeman County Learning Center where students showed off projects highlighting their home here in Hardeman County. Discussed with students the importance of giving back to the place that raised them.
- Participated in the Housing Development Grant presentation.
- Facilitated and oversaw the carnival aspect of the Bolivar BBQ Blowout and assisted in other areas where needed.

Old Business:

- **Renaming Margin Street**

Mayor McTizic brought before the council the discussion on renaming Margin Street to Williams Street. The mayor explained that the only other name of that street was Martin Luther King or Circle Drive. This change would be in honor of Mr. Archie Williams. We searched old minutes dating back to 1943 and there are no records of Williams Street. Hardeman County 911 Director reported that there had never been a Williams Street. This change would be a great challenge to the residents of this road. The cross walk at the school was named after Mr. Williams 2017 or 2018. No action was taken.

- **Hardeman County Wall Builders**

Mayor McTizic explained to the council that the old dentist office was leased by the Hardeman Co. Wall Builders had relinquished the lease of the building that they were using. He expressed that he would like for them to eventually utilize our Neighbor Hub building.

New Business:

- **Fiber Internet Update**

Mr. Tony Kirk reported that the fiber internet is completed at this time. There have been 933 main lines installed giving 8,345 homes fiber internet access. There have been 3,047 drops at no cost to the customer and 2,843 active accounts. This project came in \$5 million under budget.

- **Review of State of Qualifications Connected Comm. Facility Development Grant**

We are applying for a grant with the state that is to construct and improve buildings and rehab projects with max up to 2 million dollars on improvements. We are hoping this grant will help us further our Neighbor Hub Project. With that being stated we must select an architect to help with this project. We have three firms TLM, HRF, and A2H. The mayor stated that we have used A2H in a lot of our other projects and suggest to use TLM. Councilmen Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember

Golden to select TLM as our architectural firm. All present voted “Aye”.

- **Heating and Air Unit for City Hall**

The unit in City Hall office is out. We requested bid for a new 10-ton gas unit. The sealed bids we got were as follows:

Henderson Heating and Air \$18,462.00

Superior Heating and Air \$ 13,199.00

Motion made by Councilmember Woods, seconded by Councilmember McKinnie to accept bid from Superior Plumbing, Heating and Air for \$13,199.00. All present voted “Aye”.

- d. **Police Department Grant**

The police Department has received a grant from the Tennessee Department of Finance for Violent Crime Intervention. These items were over our threshold for sealed bids but the companies have given us detailed information on why they are a soul source. They have purchased the following items with this grant.

LB Technology – 19 cameras with GPS amount of \$27,360.00. Motion to approve made by Councilmen McKinnie seconded by Councilmen Lowe. All present voted “Aye”.

TYR Tactical Vest \$38,651.20. Motion to approve made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilmen McKinnie. All present voted “Aye”.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember McKinnie however the motion was interrupted by Councilmember Williams that had a statement to make about the sewage problem on Meadowbrook Ln. Mr. Williams stated his concerns and Mayor McTizic stated that this issue has been brought up before and if he wanted more information on this matter he could come to his office and get this information.

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