

Bolivar City Council Meeting

June 5, 2023

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, June 5, 2023, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Carolyn Spinks
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilmember Larry McKinnie

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Bobby Thompson and Kevin Deaton with West TN Med Center, Chris Williams, and Nancy Henrietta with FEMA SBA.

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 May 8, 2023 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Golden to approve the minutes as written. All present voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. The mayor announced that city offices will be closed June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
- b. Mayor McTizic announced there will be a Juneteenth celebration held at Sand Beach Lake on June 17th from 12 pm -5 pm and invited the community to attend.
- c. The mayor announced there will be a Special Called Council meeting on June 20th at 6:00 pm.
- d. Mayor McTizic announced the city will be hosting a Gospel Concert called Bringing Home Back Home on June 25th on the square at 6:00 pm and invited everyone to attend.
- e. Mayor McTizic announced the 3rd annual Red, White, and Bolivar celebration and fireworks will be held on June 30th at Sand Beach Lake starting at 7:30 pm.
- f. The mayor announced there will be a Special Called Meeting on July 1st at noon to swear in the re-elected and newly elected Council members as they take the Oath of Office.
- g. Mayor McTizic then recognized Larry Crawford and Carol Spinks for serving on City Council. He thanked them for their commitment to the citizens of Bolivar and all of their support.
- h. The mayor welcomed Nancy Henrietta with the U.S. Small Business Association. Ms. Henrietta came to the front and explained different types of help that the SBA has available for small businesses and homeowners if they have any damage to their businesses or homes during the recent storms that came through the area in March and April. She went on to explain the process and how the application works and left handouts for the community.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

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

- The Board approved the 2023-2024 Budget.
- A 1.3% increase was passed for October 1, 2023 to offset the loss of the TVA Pandemic Credit. TVA is eliminating the credit as of 10/1/2023.

Utilities – Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Utility Board will meet on June 7, 2023 in regular meeting to discuss the following:

- Review and discuss the 2023-2024 Utility budget.
- Review and discuss the raw water meter and modules for filters at the water plant.
- Gas prices for June are \$0.65/ccf

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 38 (24 city, 14 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury- 0
- Training hours – 184
- Smoke alarms installed – 11
- Fire Code Inspections – 16
- Public Relations Events- 1

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 699
- Citations – 229
- Accidents – 22 (0 fatal, 11 injuries, 11 property damage)
- Arrests – 36 (10 juvenile, 26 adult)
- Special events- BCHS graduation
- Training Hours- 174

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- The line dance exercise class for adults continues and additional class has been added on Tuesdays.
- The city pool is now open and kids are coming out to enjoy the water.
- The golf league will be on Wednesday and we have 20 youth that are participating.
- In preparing for the Red, White, and Bolivar fireworks celebration, we will be moving some of the shipped equipment that is sitting at Sand Beach Lake to a different location.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Mowing grass and bush hogging.
- Purchased 2 new bush hogs.
- Working on the NeighborHub building
- July will be bulky item pick up.
- Everything else routine.

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1068.80.
- Total Programs: 10, Total Participates: 232
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 2,213, Computer Users- 251, Wi Fi Users- 2,827 READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 689
- History Room- 8, Microfilm users- 20

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 5
- Building permits written– 2
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 1
- Mechanical Inspections – 1
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 25

Planning Commission- Councilmember Golden

The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission met in their regular meeting on May 15, 2023 to discuss the following:

- Review and consideration of rezoning application for 1381 West Market St. from R-1 to B-1. The planning commission forwards a favorable recommendation to approve this rezoning. The lots to the left of the property are zoned B-1.
- Review and consideration of Subdivision Regulation Amendment- 5 lot approval. This was approved by the commission.
- Review and consideration of Subdivision Regulation Amendment- Nollan/Dolan Test. This was approved.

EMS- Kevin Deaton

- Total Responses for May- 239, 113 emergency and 126 non-emergencies. 201 transports. Scenes- 208 in city and 7 in county. Transfers from BGH- 50. Scene Transport to Bolivar General- 59, Scene Transport Direct to JMGH- 43, Scene Transport to Memphis- 4. 5 other MCEMS unit calls (mutual aid).

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director (absent)

- Attended the Southwest TN Tourism quarterly meeting in Henderson, TN.
- Assisted in city sponsored National Day of Prayer.
- Held marketing meetings for potential tourism attraction advertising.
- Completed TN Economic Development Basic Training in Nashville.
- Hosted Community Worship on the Court Square.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- a. Second Reading of Ordinance 23-002: Increasing the Competitive Bidding Threshold to \$25,000.00**

This Ordinance will increase the competitive (sealed) bid threshold from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The mayor explained with the price increases we are seeing this threshold increase will help us move quicker to get things purchased. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 23-002, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 23-002. There being no questions Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-002. All present voted "Aye".
- b. First Reading of Ordinance 23-003: Amend Official Zoning Map**

This Ordinance will amend the official zoning map by rezoning 1381 Market Street from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-1 (Commercial). The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission voted to approve this rezoning and forwards a favorable recommendation to City Council for approval. It was explained that the properties to the left when facing 1381 Market Street are already zoned commercial. Councilmember

Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-003 and rezoning of 1381 Market Street from R-1 to B-1. All present voted "Aye".

c. First Reading of Ordinance 23-004: Increase Sanitation Rates

This Ordinance will increase Sanitation rates for residential and commercial customers. Mayor McTizic explained to the council that rates have not increased since 2009. The city received a letter from the Comptroller's Office regarding 21-22 audit and they highlighted that the Sanitation department had reported a negative bottom line for 3 years. The Sanitation committee that consists of Councilmembers Woods, Lowe, and McKinnie met a couple of times to discuss and review the rate changes. They send a favorable recommendation to vote to approve these rate increases. The rate increases will be:

- Residential container shall be \$13 per month
- Customers requiring additional solid waste containers shall be charged an additional \$7.00 per container per month.
- Commercial Collections per container per week
 1. One (1)- \$45.00
 2. Two (2)- \$78.00
 3. Three (3)- \$120.00
 4. Five (5)- \$150.00

Councilmember Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve the first reading of Ordinance 23-004 increasing residential and commercial sanitation rates. All present voted "Aye".

d. First Reading of Ordinance 23-005: Amend Ordinance 22-007; Budget Amendments

This Ordinance will approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal year budget amendments which will amend Ordinance 22-007. Councilmember Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-005 Budget Amendments to Ordinance 22-007. All present voted "Aye".

e. First Reading of Ordinance 23-006: Adopting the Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

This Ordinance adopt the 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate. Mayor McTizic let the Council know that the Budget Committee had met to review this coming year's budget and approved it. The Budget Committee consists of Councilmember Rhea, Brown, McKinnie, and Golden. The Council went over all of the department budgets for revenues and expenditures. After discussions, Councilmember Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 23-006 adopting the 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate. All present voted "Aye".

- f.** Mayor McTizic and the Council discussed the city attorney's position after the resignation of Mrs. Abby Odom. The Mayor let the Council know that he spoke with Kevin Snider that is partners at the law firm Ms. Odom worked for and they would like to continue to represent the city. After some discussions, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to approve to keep using Snider and Horner law firm to represent the city. All present voted "Aye".

Community Development: NONE

There being no further business, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to adjourn the meeting. All present voted "Aye."

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder

Bolivar City Council Special Called Meeting

June 20, 2023

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in a Special Called session, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Michael Brown
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Carolyn Spinks
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Todd Lowe

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, City Clerk and Recorder, Attorney Kevin Snider

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests in attendance. Mayor McTizic asked Councilmember Woods to lead the group in prayer followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor McTizic introduced Kevin Snider, the city's new attorney. Mr. Snider replaced Abby Odom who worked for his firm and left the firm for another job. The city council voted to continue with Snider and Horner firm at the June 5 2023 meeting.

Old Business:

a. Second Reading of Ordinance 23-003: Amend Official Zoning Map

This Ordinance will amend the official zoning map by rezoning 1381 Market Street from R-1(Low Density Residential) to B-1 (Commercial). The Bolivar Regional Planning Commission voted to approve this rezoning and forwards a favorable recommendation to City Council for approval. It was explained that the properties to the left when facing 1381 Market Street are already zoned commercial. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 23-003, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked the council members if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 23-003. There being no questions, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the second reading of Ordinance 23-003. All present voted "Aye".

b. Second Reading of Ordinance 23-004: Amend Current Sanitation Rates

This Ordinance will increase Sanitation rates for residential and commercial customers. Mayor McTizic explained to the council that rates have not increased since 2009. The city received a letter from the Comptroller's Office regarding 2021-2022 audit and they highlighted that the Sanitation department had reported a negative bottom line for 3 years. The Sanitation committee that consists of Councilmembers Woods, Lowe, and McKinnie met a couple of times to discuss and review the rate changes. They send a favorable recommendation to vote to approve these rate increases. The rate increases will be:

- Residential container shall be \$13 per month
- Customers requiring additional solid waste containers shall be charged an additional \$7.00 per container per month.
- Commercial Collections per container per week
 1. One (1)- \$45.00

2. Two (2)- \$78.00
3. Three (3)- \$120.00
4. Five (5)- \$150.00

Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember Spinks made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 23-004, Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked the council members if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 23-004. There being no questions, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to approve Ordinance 23-004. All present voted "Aye."

c. Second Reading of Ordinance 23-005: Amend Ordinance 22-007; Budget Amendments

This Ordinance will approve the 2022-2023 Fiscal year budget amendments which will amend Ordinance 22-007. Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to adjourn to go to Public Hearing. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 23-005, Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked the council members if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 23-005. There being no questions, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to approve Ordinance 23-005. All present voted "Aye".

d. Second Reading of Ordinance 23-006: Adopting the Budget and Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

This Ordinance will adopt the 2023-2024 Budget and Tax Rate. Mayor McTizic let the Council know that the Budget Committee had met to review this coming year's budget and approved it. The Budget Committee consists of Councilmembers Rhea, Brown, McKinnie, and Golden. The Council went over all of the department budgets for revenues and expenditures. Mayor McTizic let the council know that he had received the Certified Tax Rate and it came in at \$0.8389. The mayor asked if there was a motion to approve the Certified Tax Rate, Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brown to approve the 2023 Certified Tax Rate. All present voted "Aye".

After approved the Certified Tax Rate, Mayor McTizic asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to adjourn to go to Public Hearing on Ordinance 23-006. All present voted "Aye". There being no public questions nor comments concerning Ordinance 23-006, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to reconvene to Executive Session. All present voted "Aye". Mayor McTizic asked the council members if there were any questions concerning Ordinance 23-006. There being no questions, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Spinks to approve Ordinance 23-006. All present voted "Aye".

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder