

Bolivar City Council Meeting
October 7, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, October 7, 2024, 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

Absent:

Others present: Charity Howell, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Chief Lynn Price, Jerry Mayfield, Jessica Phillips, Ricky Watkins, Dylan Hill

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked 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 September 9, 2024 council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilmember Woods made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. City offices will be closed November 11, 2024 for Veterans Day.
- b. Mayor McTizic announced the Bolivar BBQ Blowout October 24th and 25th and invited all to come enjoy the festivities.
- c. Mayor McTizic recognizes October for being National Employment Disability Awareness Month. Mayor McTizic also recognized Harry Hunt, who is employed with City of Bolivar.

Public Comments: None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board did not meet for their regular monthly meeting. No actions taken by the board.

Utilities – Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Utility Board met on October 2, 2024 in regular meeting to discuss the following:

- We have received the new sewer camera; it has been installed and working well.
- The Utility department has received their 5-year required NPDES permit on the lagoon.

- Bids for the ARP Grant that will replace the galvanized water line was opened on October 3, 2024.
- Gas prices for October are \$0.65.

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 22 (11 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury- 0
- Training hours – 227
- Smoke alarms installed – 5
- Fire Code Inspections – 15
- Public Relations Events-4

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 629
- Citations – 195
- Accidents – 20 (0 fatal, 3 injuries, 17 property damage)
- Arrests – 34 (3 juvenile, 31 adult)
- Special events- THSO Safe Streets Task Force
- Training Hours- 91

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- We have completed the repairs at Northside Park (Kaboom Park).
- We will start our youth basketball registration on October 15th.
- Adult Men Basketball league registration has begun and will run through October 31st.
- Our youth soccer league is going well and it will end later this month.

Street/Sanitation – Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Mowing grass, weed eating, and bush hogging.
- Tons taken to landfill: 309.39 commercial, and 133.57 residential for a total of 442.96 tons of trash. Brush taken- 65.07 and 1 demolition
- Cleaned up debris from storms.
- Cleaned out ditches and storm drains.
- Bulky Item pickup started October 1st.

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$954.40
- Total Programs: 15, Total Participates:43, Estimated September Patronage:672
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,865, Computer Users- 301, Wi Fi Users- 3,473, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 686, History Room Visits-11, History Room Scanner- 2, History Room Materials Circulated-14, Microfilm Reader Usage-2, ILL Borrowed-22, ILL Loanes-21
- Meeting Room Numbers

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 10
- Building permits written– 0
- Building Inspections – 3
- Plumbing Inspections – 3
- Mechanical Inspections – 2
- Safety Inspections-1
- Certificate of Occupancy-1
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 15

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Hosted the Red Skelton tribute show at the Luez Theater. Over 60% of tickets were sold and a vast majority were from outside of Hardeman County.
- Hosted a municipal economic development council meeting to prepare for the future plans for industrial land.
- Attended the grand opening of Kessler’s Planning Group.

Old Business:

a. LPRF Grant

A2H held the bid opening for the LPRF Grant for Construction of the amphitheater and boat ramp at Sand Beach Lake. Six bids were submitted and GTG Construction got the bid in the amount of \$568,948.27. The pavilion will be bid out separate. Councilman Golden made a motion, second by Councilmember Rhea to go forward with GTG Construction. All voted “Aye”.

b. Update on Pleasant Creek Run multi-use sportsplex

No official action has been taken on this matter. A feasibility analysis was completed by Cumberland Securities and Economic Impact analysis completed by Younger & Associates. Reports are being reviewed and discussed along with USDA. The Utility Department renewed their contract with Retail Strategies that will also help with this project.

New Business:

a. Transfer of K-9 Officer Jules

Chief Jones is wanting to transfer K-9 Officer Jules to surplus and retire him as out of service. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, second by Councilmember McKinnie to move K-9 Officer Jules to surplus and retire him as out of service. All voted “Aye”.

b. Purchas of New Sky Cop trailer and Police Department renovations

Chief Jones would like to purchase a new sky cop mounted mobile trailer the cost for both would be \$36,850.33. He also would like to do renovations for a Criminal Investigation Division office in the amount of \$7,500.00. Total amount for both purchases would be \$44,350.33 which \$22,500.00 will come from LESO account and \$21,850.33 will come from the General fund. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to purchase sky cop trailer and make renovations to the police department. All voted “Aye”.

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder

