

Bolivar City Council Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, April 8, 2024, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilmember Melvin Golden
Councilmember Todd Lowe
Councilmember Larry McKinnie
Councilmember Caroline Miller
Councilmember Suzanne Rhea
Councilmember Chris Williams
Councilmember Tommie Woods

Absent:

Councilmember Michael Brown

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Jim Nuckolls, Lt. Eric Seaton, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Jerry Mayfield, Ricky Watkins, Jessica Phillips, Dylan Hill, Harrison Rogers and his parents, Monica Goodman with Hardeman County Carl Perkins Center, Crystal Strickland with Hardeman County 911 and her coworkers.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order, welcomed the guests in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilmember 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 March 11, 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. Mayor McTizic announced there will a Proclamation signing for Autism Awareness Month on April 20th at Noon during the Spring Fling Festival.
- b. The mayor asked that the Rogers family, Harrison, Mikaela, and Buck to the front. He announced that the month of April is also for Blue and Green Day which is to honor organ donor transplants. Mayor McTizic asked that the Rogers family tell Harrison's story and how receiving a heart transplant saved his life at the young age of 18 months old. Mikaela told Harrison's story and how thankful they are for organ donors. Mayor McTizic then presented the family with a Proclamation for Blue and Green Day.
- c. Mayor McTizic then asked Monica Goodman with Hardeman County Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse to come to the front to tell the guests what all Carl Perkins Center does for families.

Public Comments: None

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Authority Board met on March 25, 2024, for their regular monthly meeting. The following action was taken by the Board:

- Awarded the lawn care contract to Forman Lawn and Landscaping.

- Approved an October 1, 2024, rate increase of 0.9%. This will equal to a \$2.00 per month increase to a customer's bill. An increase was needed to off set the increase cost of materials.
- Fiber Update:
 - 40% Take Rate
 - Total customers- 3,774

Utilities- Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Bolivar Utility Board met on April 3, 2024 and discussed the following:

- The Utility department received their first Marketing Assistance Program (MAP) payment of the year in the amount of \$11,592.00. These funds are used to promote 811 awareness promotions.
- The utility department received their annual payment from Utility Service for use of advertising lease on the water tank in the amount of \$43,853.00.
- The consumer price index (CPI) is up 3.4% and this will affect the water/sewer rates starting July 1, 2024. The CPI is reviewed annually, and this Ordinance went into effect in July 1, 2016.
- The fence repair on Lake Street is complete.
- The maintenance and repairs on the water tank are moving along, they should be finished in the next 1-2 weeks.
- The Utility Board approved the following purchase, all from a Sourcewell contract:
 - Vac-Tron Trailer for \$54,310.62 (water fund)
 - CAT Backhoe for \$124,833.75 (gas fund)
 - Kubota Mini X for \$50,166.74 (gas fund)
- Gas prices are at \$0.65 for April.

Fire- Chief Lynn Price

- Total Fire Calls-30 (18 city, 12 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury-0
- Training Hours- 186
- Smoke Alarms Installed-5
- Fire Code Inspections-16
- Public Relations Event- 6

Police- Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service-520
- Citations- 163
- Accidents-11 (0 fatal, 2 injuries, 9 property damages)
- Arrest-32 (2 juvenile, 30 adult)
- Special Events- 3: City Easter Egg Hunt at the Elementary School, Wall Innovations Ground Breaking Ceremony, cooked for the city-wide Easter Egg Hunt at the ballfields.
- Training Hours- 257
- Chief Jones let the council know that the Police Department had a special award to present, he then invited Investigator Chris Burkeen up to the front to continue with the presentation. Mr. Burkeen awarded Crystal Strickland the Life Saver award for her efforts as a 911 dispatcher. He told the situation where Ms. Strickland went above her duties to help a distressed citizen in need and helped save a life. Mr. Burkeen then presented her with the Life Saver award plaque.

Parks and Recreation- Anthony Ford, Director

- The city swimming pool has been drained and we are testing the current equipment in preparation for the summer.
- Adult exercise (line dance) class continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5pm.
- Adult pickle ball is on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 9am-11pm
- The youth basketball league for the 11-14 age group is going well and will end on the 18th of this month.
- We will begin the registration for our Youth Summer Golf league next Wednesday the 17th.

Street and Sanitation- Jerry Mayfield, Superintendent

- Picked up trash around downtown.
- Picked up brush.
- Weed eating and mowing.
- Tons taken to landfill: 313.97 commercial, and 119.88 residential for a total of 433.85 tons.
- April is bulky item pick up.
- Bid Opening- The Street department put a request out for sealed bids for their 2024 asphalt paving. The bid noticed listed all requirements needed in order to submit a bid. The Street department received 3 bids; one being turned in after the deadline because it was delivered to the wrong address. The bids received were:
 - **A&W Asphalt out of Jackson, TN- \$124.50 per ton**
 - **Fowler Paving out of Somerville, TN- \$135.00 per ton**
 - **Standard Construction's bid was turned in after the meeting date- \$225.00 per ton**

After some discussion about issues with A&W in the past few years and how pleased everyone was with the job Fowler did last year, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to accept the asphalt bid from Fowler Paving for \$135.00 per ton. All present voted "Aye".

Library- Jessica Phillips, Director

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$1,142.50
- Total Programs: 12, Total Participates: 56, Estimated March patronage: 710
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation-1,955, Computer Users-322, Wi Fi users-3,070, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book download system)-643, History Room-23, Microfilm Reader usage-19, History Room Materials Circulated-42

Compliance/Zoning- Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations-8
- Building Permits Written- 5
- Building Inspections-3
- Plumbing Inspections- 2
- Mechanical Inspections- 12
- Courtesy Notices Issues-20

Community Development and Tourism- Dylan Hill, Director

- Attended the ground breaking ceremony for Wall Innovations alongside city, count, and state officials.
- Assisted with the Bolivar Elementary School Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Mayor McTizic.
- Hosted a community wide Easter Egg Hunt at the Hwy 64 ball fields in conjunction with First Baptist Church and Hyman Tire.
- Doung Stone will be in concert at the Luez on April 18th at 7:00 pm, and Bethel Renaissance Choir will be April 21st at 6:00 pm.

Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission- Councilmember Miller

- The Bolivar Historic Zoning Commission met in regular session on Thursday, March 21st at 5:00 pm and discussed the following:
 - DEVCO is in the process of replacing awnings in the downtown area.
 - Discussed having an annual training for the Historic Commission from the State Historic Commission Office.
 - Discussed potential new members to add to the Historic Commission.
 - Discussed working with Ricky Watkins on the condition of "Magnolia Manor".
 - Discussed working to preserve and getting the American Legion and Sunrise Café added to the National Historic registry.

Old Business:

- The public hearing for the THDA Home Grant will be April 16th at 9:00 am, and April 22nd at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

New Business:

A. Resolution 2024-003: Authorizing the Issuance of a Capital Outlay Note Series 2024 for Police Vehicles

This Resolution approves a Capital Outlay Note to purchase 5 new police vehicles and replace some of the older ones in the current police fleet. This CON will be in the amount of \$273,443.60. Mayor McTizic noted that the interest rate of 4.25% from Simmons Bank was approved last month for this loan. It was noted that these 5 police vehicles were being brought through a Sourcewell contract. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Lowe to approve the issuance of a Capital Outlay Note in the amount of \$273,443.60. All present voted "Aye".

B. Resolution 2024-004: Authorization to Submit Application for Site Development Grant through Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

This Resolution authorizes Mayor McTizic to execute and submit an application to the State of Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development in the amount of \$1,058,500.00 for their Site Development Grant Program. If awarded this grant, the funds will be used for the renovation of an existing industrial building the city owns. The city's match will be 2.5% of the awarded funds. Councilmember McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Miller to approve Resolution 2024-004 authorizing to submit an application to TDECD Site Development Program. All present voted "Aye".

C. Resolution 2024-005: Adopting the Hardeman County Mitigation

Mayor McTizic brought before the council the adoption of the Hardeman County Mitigation Plan established by Hardeman County for all hazards in the City of Bolivar as well as all of Hardeman County. It was stated that the plan had been pre-approved by the Federal Emergency Agency. Councilmember Williams made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Woods to approve Resolution 2024-005 adoption the Hardeman County Mitigation Plan. All present voted "Aye".

D. Approval for Re-appointment to the Hardeman County Equalization Board

The Council was presented letters from the Hardeman County Tax Assessor, Josh Pulse, recommending that Stacy Lipford be reappointed to the county Equalization board as the city's representative. The letter stated that Mrs. Lipford is up to date on her training, and agreed to continue her education as part of this board. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Williams to reappoint Stacy Lipford to the Hardeman County Equalization Board. All present voted "Aye".

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

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder