

Bolivar City Council Meeting

May 8 2023

6:00 P.M.

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session, Monday, May 8, 2023, at the Bolivar Municipal Building with the following attendance:

Present:

Mayor Julian McTizic
Councilman Melvin Golden
Councilman Michael Brown
Councilman Todd Lowe
Councilman Larry McKinnie
Councilman Suzanne Rhea
Councilman Carolyn Spinks
Councilman Tommie Woods

Others present: Carri Beth Rhea, Abby Odom, John Burleson, Sarah Rice, Mick Vinson, Chief Lynn Price, Chief Mike Jones, Anthony Ford, Eddie Vandiver, Ricky Watkins, Bobby Thompson with West TN Healthcare, Ken Griggs, Judge Denton, and Caroline Miller.

Mayor McTizic called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest in attendance and those who were watching on social media. Mayor McTizic asked Councilman 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 April 10, 2023 regular scheduled Council meeting. There being no corrections, Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve the minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Mayor's Report:

- a. Mayor McTizic announced that city offices will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.
- b. The mayor announced the 3rd annual Red, White, and Bolivar will be held June 30th at Sand Beach Lake.
- c. Mayor McTizic reminded everyone that early voting will end on May 11th, and election day was May 16th. He asked that everyone get out and vote.
- d. The mayor announced that the city will be accepting applications for summer jobs for youth paid for through the American Job Center.
- e. Mayor McTizic announced that the Budget Committee will be scheduled to meet at the end of May to review the proposed 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Council members Brown, Golden, McKinnie and Rhea were appointed to the Budget Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Electric – Mayor McTizic

The Bolivar Energy Board met on April 24, 2023 for their regular monthly meeting. The following actions were taken by the Board:

- Approved to sell Mr. Johnny Moore a 75x40 parcel of land at the old Powell Chapel Substation. Land was originally bought from Mr. Moore 25 years ago when the Powell Chapel Substation was built. BEA no longer needs this parcel of land.
- Approved the consultant agreement for Mr. Terry King for 24 months. Mr. King is retiring after 47 years of service. Mrs. Heather Day will be taking Mr. King's position.
- Fiber Update:
 - Bolivar, Whiteville, Hornsby, Silerton, and Cloverport areas are complete. Toone area to Madison County line is 90% complete.
 - 1240 active members
 - Starting work in Hebron, and Grand Valley Lake areas.
- Mayor McTizic asked that Judge Boyette Denton come to the front for his update on changing the purchasing policy for the CEO since this will be a change in the charter. Judge Denton informed the Council that the change had been approved by the State House and Senate members and he needs final approval from the City Council since it is a part of the charter. The mayor asked if there was a motion to approved changing the purchasing policy limit from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for the CEO of BEA. Councilman Lowe made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rhea to approve changing the purchasing limit of the CEO of BEA from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. All voted "Aye".

Utilities – Jim Nuckolls, Director

The Utility Board met on May 3, 2023 at noon in regular meeting and discussed the following:

- The Board opened sealed bids for a new fence for part of the gas shop property that was recently purchased. There were two bids for the fence, first one was from Bobby Sisco Fencing for \$11,275.00 and the second from WesTenn Fence for \$12,740.00. Bobby Sisco was approved for the fence bid.
- Signed contract for the ARP TDEC Grant
- Gas price for May is \$0.65/ccf

Fire – Chief Lynn Price

- Total fire calls – 23 (12 city, 11 county), Civilian Fire Injury-0, Fire Service Injury- 0
- Training hours – 197
- Smoke alarms installed – 11
- Fire Code Inspections – 16
- Public Relations Events- 1

Police – Chief Mike Jones

- Calls for service – 650
- Citations – 186
- Accidents – 17 (0 fatal, 3 injuries, 14 property damage)
- Arrests – 44 (9 juvenile, 35 adult)
- Training Hours- 314 HRS

Parks and Recreation Department – Anthony Ford, Director

- The line dance exercise class for adults continues and an additional class has been added on Tuesdays.
- We have repaired the outfield fence and are replacing bulbs and fuses for lights at the city park.
- The 11-14 year old youth basketball league has been great and will end this week.
- Registration for the 15-18 year old youth basketball league and the summer golf league will end next week.

- We have drained and cleaned the pool. We will be filling it up again and checking the performance of the pump this week.

Street/Sanitation – Eddie Vandiver, Superintendent

- Mowing grass and bush hogging.
- April was bulky item pick up.
- Tons take to landfill in April: Commercial- 299.29 tons, Residential- 143.78 tons for a total of 443.07 tons
- Working on NeighborHub building.
- Everything else routine.

Library, Jessica Phillips, Director(absent)

- Financials: Donations, Copies, Fines, and Faxes- \$784.30
- Total Programs: 10, Total Participates: 201
- Circulations Report: Material Circulation- 1,946, Computer Users- 231, Wi Fi Users- 1,947, READS (Regional E-book and Audio Book Download System)- 629
- History Room- 23
- Microfilm Reader Usage- 18

Compliance/Zoning – Ricky Watkins

- Building Consultations – 10
- Building permits written– 3
- Building Inspections – 2
- Plumbing Inspections – 1
- Mechanical Inspections – 0
- Courtesy Notice Issued – 20
- Attended Tennessee Building Officials Association Conference April 24-26.

EMS- Kevin Deaton

- Total Responses for April- 237, 118 emergency and 119 non-emergencies, 205 transports, Scenes- 200 in city and 11 in county, 13 other MCEMS unit calls (mutual aid).

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

- Began planning for “Small Town. Big Christmas” event for the upcoming holiday season by meeting with vendors and making purchases.
- Met with themed entertainment vendors about opportunities for BBQ and Music Festival.
- Continued working on the new Timbers Building.

Old Business:

a. Review Letters of Interest for TDOT Multi-Modal Grant

Mayor McTizic let the Council know that the city had received letters of interest for overseeing the TDOT Multi-Modal Grant project. It was announced in 2022 that the city had been awarded this grant to complete sidewalks from the downtown square to Sand Beach Lake. There were 4 letters received from different engineering and architect firms, A2H, TLM, Fisher Arnold, and Allen & Hoshall. Mayor McTizic told the Council that he recommended A2H for this project since they assisted with the grant application and other work up until now. After some discussion, Councilman Golden made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve A2H to oversee the Multi-Modal Grant project. All voted “Aye”.

New Business:

a. Resolution 2023-08: Authorize the City to Prepare and Submit an Application to Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA) for the 2023-2026 Home Grant

The Resolution authorizes the City of Bolivar to prepare and submit an application to THDA for their 2023-2026 Home Grant in the amount of \$700,000.00. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Spinks to approve the City of Bolivar submitting and application to THDA for the 2023-2026 Home Grant. All voted "Aye".

b. Resolution 2023-009: Authorize the City to Submit an Application to THDA and Making Southwest Tennessee Development District (SWTDD) Administrator for the 2023-2026 Home Grant

This Resolution will authorize the city to submit an application to THDA and make SWTDD administrator on behalf of the City of Bolivar. SWTDD be administrator of the 2023-2026 Home Grant and help on all aspects of the grant. Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Golden to approve the City of Bolivar submitting an application to THDA and making SWTDD administrator. All voted "Aye".

c. First Reading of Ordinance 23-002: Increasing the Competitive Bidding Threshold to \$25,000.00

This Ordinance will change the competitive bidding threshold from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Mayor McTizic explained that currently our competitive bidding (sealed bids) is at \$10,000.00 and the city would like to increase it to \$25,000.00. Councilman Rhea made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve the first reading of Ordinance 23-002 that will increase competitive bidding threshold. All voted "Aye".

d. Open Sealed Competitive Bids of HVAC in City Hall Foyer

Mayor McTizic let the Council know that the HVAC unit in City Hall's foyer had gone out and needed to be replaced. The city advertised for the unit's sealed bid and received 2 bids. Henderson Heating and Air bid \$16,312.00 for a Daiken 12.5-ton 230v unit, and \$24,850.00 for a Carrier 12.5-ton 230v unit. Superior Plumbing, Heating, and AC LLC bid \$15,719.00 for a Daiken 12.5-ton 230v unit and \$22,439.00 for a Carrier 12.5 ton 230v unit. After discussion, Councilman McKinnie made a motion, seconded by Councilman Woods to approve Superior's bid for a Daiken 12.5-ton 23v unit. Councilman Rhea sustained from the vote due to her brother owning Superior, all others voted "Aye".

Community Development: None

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

After the public meeting was adjourned, there was a closed attorney/client meeting held with council.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk & Recorder