

Bolivar City Council
February 11, 2014

The Bolivar City Council met in regular session on the above date with the following attendance:

Present: James Futrell
Randy Hill
Todd Lowe
Julian McTizic
Willie McKinnie
David Rhea
Larry McKinnie

Absent: Tracy Byrum

Others present: Shelia Dellinger, Attorney Steve Hornsby, Lisa Dellinger, Joey Geter, Don and Ann Cherry, Shelton Merrell, Danny Cheshier, Chief Pat Baker, Charles Gatlin, Jr. Donnell Polk

Mayor Stevens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He then asked Councilman Willie McKinnie to open the meeting with prayer; following prayer Mayor Stevens lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Stevens asked for approval of the minutes from last month's meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Futrell, seconded by Councilman Lowe to approve and dispense with the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

A. Audit Presentation, Joey Geter with Cowart, Reese and Sargent, P.C.

Mayor Stevens introduced Mr. Geter and asked him to please come forward to present the 2012-13 audit. Mr. Geter thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing their firm to do the audit review for the City of Bolivar. He first expressed his appreciation to the administrative office for their help in providing them the information needed and stated the ladies were doing a great job. This is the fourth straight year with no instances of weakness or significant deficiencies. Mr. Geter explained the general fund has a deficiency of revenues over expenditures of \$97,575 in the fiscal year of 2012-13. Mayor Stevens explained the reason our expenses exceeded our revenue was due to the state withholding income that was given to the city by mistake through business tax litigation and other revenue that was cut after the budget was approved. Mr. Geter expressed the City of Bolivar was still in good financial condition. After a brief discussion, Councilman Lowe moved, seconded by Councilman Futrell to accept the audit as presented. All voted "Aye".

Old Business:

None

Standing Committee Reports:

Electric- Councilman Lowe

Councilman Lowe stated BEA will be closed on February 17th for President's Day.

Fire/Police- Councilman Futrell

On January 3, 2014, Tanker 1 was delivered to the Bolivar Fire Department by Deep South Fire Trucks, LLC. Tanker operations training was completed on January 11, 2014, and the tanker was placed into service on January 15, 2014.

On January 23, 2014, the department received 102 smoke detectors from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

On January 27, 2014, Chief Price conducted a Community Risk Reduction Survey of Western Mental Health Institute. On January 29, 2014, Chief Price and Assistant Chief Faulk attended the Fire Service Day on the Hill. During this time, Chief Price and Assistant Chief Faulk met with Senator Dolores Gresham and Representative Johnny Shaw and discussed possible resolutions to their concerns regarding emergency access to Western Mental Health Institute.

On January 28, 2014, Ronnie Faulk was promoted to the rank of Assistant Chief. Gary Wiggins, II, and Dylan Henderson were both promoted to the rank of Engineer.

On January 31, 2014, the department participated in the "Sea of Blue" in honor of fallen police officer Eddie Hamer.

The January 2014 fire call report is detailed below:

Structure Fires:	2
Other Fires(transformer):	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	1
False Alarms:	6
Mutual Aid:	4
Other:	1
TOTAL	15

The department participated in 295 hours of training, completed 22 courtesy inspections, installed 3 smoke detectors, and conducted 3 fire drills.

Police:

- Total Accidents 20
- Total Arrest 55
- Calls for Service 1396
- Traffic Citations 268

Utility Department- Councilwoman Byrum, Shelia Dellinger read in her absence

The Bolivar Utility Board met on Wednesday, February 5, 2014. The following was discussed:

- Reviewed the sewer improvement project with city engineer, Robert Stigall
- The utility department has been busy installing gas lines for new customers
- Gas prices for the month of February are .92 cents per hundred cubic feet
- The Utility Board met today at 4:00 p.m. and approved the 2012-13 audit for the gas/water/sewer departments and will request council approval

Parks and Recreation- Councilman Hill

The City of Bolivar Parks and Recreation Director reported the following activities for the month.

- The youth basketball leagues continue to play on Saturdays
- Our youth eleven to fourteen years have been organized and have started practicing
- The number of daily gym walkers is up with thirty plus on several days
- Mr. Stack continues to update policies, procedures, by-laws, job descriptions, and future planning

Street/Sanitation- Councilman Rhea

- Continuing to pick up brush and fill potholes
- Prepared streets with brine as needed due to the weather

Planning- Councilman McTizic

No meeting in January

Library/Senior Citizens- Councilman Willie McKinnie

- The library hosted/sponsored six programs for the public during the month of January, attended by 74 adults and children
- The library received \$1,024.25 in revenue for copies, fines, donations, and reimbursements
- The library added 172 books, 7 videos, and 22 audio books during January
- The Local History Room was the destination of 34 researchers during the month of January
- The library has installed new shelving to expand the adult fiction area and rearranged the Local History Department, allowing for expansion of shelf space to accommodate more Hardeman County information

Senior Citizens

- Meals served – 364
- Meals delivered – 782
- The Hardeman County Health Department came to the center and did a program on January 22nd and set up a monthly program for the seniors
- Senior exercise program implemented and will be performed three times a week

Historic Zoning Commission- Councilman Larry McKinnie

The commission met in January and discussed the following:

- The efforts being made to raise money for renovations of the Luez Theater
- Various temporary signs in Court Square historic district
- The annual reports have been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office and to the National Parks Service for our Certified Local Government
- The Durrett House, circa 1867, that burned in December 2013 and if plans were being made for rehabilitation

Mayor's Report- Mayor Barrett Stevens

Mayor Steven stated he and the City Administrator will be out of town on March 11th and would like to reschedule the council meeting to March 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. The council concurred with the Mayor's recommendation.

Mayor Stevens informed the public Mr. David Bradley, country music artist from England, will be performing at the Luez Theater on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. This will be a great performance and encourages everyone to attend.

There being no further business, Councilman Larry McKinnie moved, seconded by Councilman Futrell to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye".

Mayor Stevens announced there would be a public meeting held immediately after this meeting is adjourned to discuss long term planning for the City of Bolivar.

Attest:

Clerk

Mayor