

Bolivar City Council
January 9, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Present:	Mayor Bobby Sain	Others Present:	Chip Cary
	Milton Basden		Shelia Dellinger
	Mike Brown		Drew Christian
	Charles Gatlin		Ken Kowon
	Mike Miller		Tawana Polk & children
	Donnell Polk		Anthony Clark
	Barrett Stevens		Danny Cheshier
	Mike Wellons		Willie McKinnie
	Dr. Jerry Wilhite		Daisy Wilson
			Audrea Reavcs
			Pete Wickman
			Cathy Mayfield
			Meri Collins

Mr. Gatlin led the group in prayer and Mr. Basden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sain called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Mike Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to approve and dispense with December 12, 2006 minutes. All voted "Aye".

Committee reports were given by the following:

Electric Board-Mr. Basden:

The board voted to move BEA's 457 employee funded retirement plan from Nationwide to ING

Fire & Police- Mr. Miller:

Fire Department: Answered 9 calls in city and 3 in county. All firemen received four hours of training in December.

Police Department : Worked total of 33 accidents - total of 43 arrest and 678 calls for service. Mr. Miller discussed the three police cars that were opened for bids last month. After a brief discussion from the Council, Mr. Miller moved, to re-bid all three cars and to have MTAS work up proper specifications, motion seconded by Mr. Wellons. All voted "Aye".

Utilities- Dr. Wilhite:

Water & Wastewater: Mr. Stigall is working with Rural Development to get bids ready to send out for painting the water tank. The 2007 CDBG Wastewater Collection System Project surveys have been completed and mailed in so we can get started on sewer line and lift station improvements.

Gas Department: Gas prices for the month of January will .88 cents per hundred. The annual report for unaccounted for gas has been completed and the Bolivar

Gas Department showed less than 1% of unaccounted for gas this past year. Mayor Sain stated this is something to be very proud of in this department. The gas department installed 68 services this past year.

Recreation- Mr Brown:

The City of Bolivar received their environmental permit from the State for our West Park Project. We are still working on Lease or Purchase of the ditch property in order to get a grant and loan from USDA. Youth Basketball League has 14 teams and is still registering Youth 11-14 years old until January 19.

Street/San - Mr. Stevens:

Street: Continuing to pick up leaves, limbs and brush. There have been several places with drainage problems due to heavy rains. Mayor Sain asked the Budget Committee to be sure to budget money next year for new culverts to help take care of some of these drainage problems. Work is being done on the Welcome to Bolivar Sign. Bids will be opened on February 22, 2007 for the Sidewalk Project on Nuckolls Road.

Sanitation: Routine

Planning- Mr. Wellons:

Gary McTizic had a re-subdivision to combine three lots to one. The Planning Commission recommended approving the plat and sending a positive recommendation to the County Commissioners to re-zone a general commercial on Highway 64 to Walton Lane to residential. Also, a subdivision plat on Tate Road was not approved because sewer was not available. The Planning Commission sent a positive recommendation for the County Flood Zone to participate in the National Flood Insurance Project.

Library/Senior Citizens- Mr. Polk:

Library: 40 new library cards were issued- Registered Library Users total to 6410 - total circulation 7268. Programs attended in library were 399.

Senior Citizens- Meals served in center were 426, meals delivered were 975. All programs continue as routine.

Historic Zoning- Mr. Gatlin:

Permits for sign design and color were approved for the Brown Stone Coffee House located at 103 Main Street.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Sain:

Announced the Pilot Project Grant has been awarded to the City of Bolivar. This means 5 ½ % of the sales tax that goes to the State comes back to the City. In revitalizing downtown this could create 50 to 100 jobs which means the City could get back 2 ½ to 3 million dollars instead of 1 ½ to 2 million. Need to hire a surveyor to survey sidewalks downtown for LRK so they can be approved by TDOT.

Would like permission to hire a person to fill the position as Office Manager/Administrative Executive to the Mayor. The position of City Administrator can be looked at later if the Council feels we need one. Attorney Cary informed the board a line item budget amendment could be made to fill the position advertised. Mr. Wellons moved, to amend the budget to fill the position as Administrative Executive, with the funds presently budgeted to pay personnel this year. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion; all voted "Aye".

It was brought to the Councils attention that the City's Charter was very outdated and needed to be revised very soon. The Mayor asks for volunteers to serve on a committee to review the Code and Charter and hire Municipal Code Corporation to revise our books. Volunteers were as follows: Mike Wellons, Mike Miller, Barrett Stevens, and Donnell Polk.

Old Business:

Second Reading on Ordinance 06-013 "An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Engine Compression Braking Devices". Mike Wellons moved, seconded by Mike Brown to pass Ordinance 06-013 on second reading. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

1st Reading of Ordinance 07-001, "An Ordinance to Adopt the MTAS Model for the Code of Ethics". After a brief discussion, Mike Wellons, moved seconded by Mr. Stevens, to adopt Ordinance 07-001, "MTAS Model Code of Ethics" on 1st Reading. All voted "Aye".

Mayor Sain discussed adopting a curfew for the City of Bolivar. Attorney Cary suggested the City look at the State Code Curfew and use the same hours they have set up for other towns. A copy of the State Code will be sent to each council member and will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Community Development Session: Mr. Ken Kowen

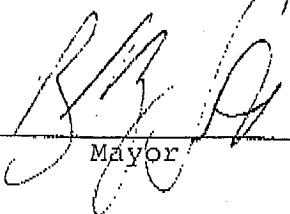
Mr. Kowen asked the City for their help with the APTA Annual Home Tour. This will consist of the following:

- a. Traffic Control
- b. Advertisement
- c. Beautification

The Mayor and Council were in full agreement to help make this a very successful event.

There being no further business, Mike Wellons made a motion seconded by Jerry Wilhite, to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye"

Attest:



Mayor



Clerk

Called Council Meeting
January 26, 2007

The Mayor and Council met in called session on the above date at 12:00 noon with the following attendance:

Present: Mayor Bobby Sain
Milton Basden
Mike Brown
Charles Gatlin
Mike Miller
Barrett Stevens
Mike Wellons
Jerry Wilhite

Also Present: Shelia Dellinger
Johnny Anthony
Bill Irons
Jim Lee
Kenneth Stevens

Absent: -Donnell Polk

Mayor Sain called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors in attendance:

Waiver of Notice was signed as follows:

WAIVER OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned, members of the board of Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Bolivar, Tennessee (hereinafter called the Board) do hereby waive all notice of time, place, and purposed of a special meeting of the board and do hereby fix the City Hall of the City of Bolivar as the place and the 26th day of January 2007, 12:00 P.M. as the time for the holding of said meeting for the following purpose(s):

- Open bids for Police Vehicles

/s/ Barrett Stevens
/s/ Jerry Wilhite
/s/ Mike Wellons
/s/ Bill Irons
/s/ Michael Brown
/s/ Milton R. Basden
/s/ Charles Gatlin
/s/ Michael A. Miller
/s/ _____

Mayor Sain stated the purpose of the meeting was to open bids for police vehicles. The following were received:

Nelms Chevrolet Olds Company:

Vehicle #1- 2007 cannot meet V8 Engine specifications

Vehicle #2 -- 2007 Chevrolet Impala Police Package Unmarked....\$18,641.00

Vehicle #3 -- 2002 Tahoe LS 4 x 4

Miles- 86,800 -- One Owner -- Small Bend Left Front Fender

Price: \$ 16,500.00

OR

2001 Tahoe LS 4 X 4

Miles- 91,670 -- Three Owners -- As per vehicle build

Price: \$ 12,500.00

OR

2000 Tahoe LT 3rd Row Seat 2 Wheel Drive

Miles -- 91,491

Price \$ 11,495.00

Bolivar Ford Mercury:

Vehicle #1 -- 2007 Ford Police Pursuit Sedan

Price: \$19,886.15

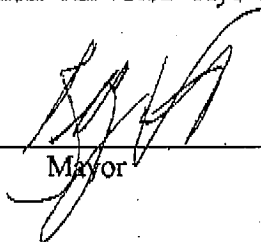
Vehicle #2 -- 2007 Ford Police Pursuit Cruiser Sedan

Price: \$19,886.15

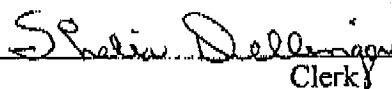
After a brief discussion Dr. Wilhite moved, seconded by Mr. Wellons, to accept the low bid from Nelms Chevrolet on the 2000 Tahoe- 2 Wheel Drive in the amount of \$11,495.00. All voted "Aye". Mr. Wellons made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wilhite, to accept the low bid from Nelms Chevrolet for Vehicle #2 (Chief's car) in the amount of \$18,641.00. All voted "Aye". Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens, to purchase the two police cruisers Vehicle #2 from Bolivar Motor Company for \$19,886.15. All voted "Aye".

There being no further business Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Basden that the meeting be adjourned. All voted "Aye".

Attest:



Mayor



Clerk

Bolivar City Council
February 13, 2007
7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Bobby Sain
Milton Basden
Mike Brown
Charles Gatlin
Mike Miller
Donnell Polk
Barrett Stevens
Mike Wellons
Dr. Jerry Wilhite

Others Present:

Morris Denton
Shelia Dellinger
Laporcha Johnson
Jim Lee
Eric Scaton
Cameron Miller
Drew Christian
Meri Collin
Lizzie M. Mcneal
Danny Chesler
Susan Taylor
Paul Fuller
Gary McTizic
Tawana Polk & children
Lajuana Polk
Audrea Crisp
Mark Godwin
Harold Wilhite

Mr. Gary McTizic led the group in prayer and Mr. Basden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sain called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests. Mike Wellons moved, seconded by Mr. Stevens to approve and dispense with January, 2007 minutes. All voted "Aye".

Committee reports were given by the following:

Electric Board- Mr. Basden:

The Board approved the low bid from Bolivar Motor Co. for a 2007 Pickup truck.
(\$9,772.45 with trade-in)

The board approved the annual audit. BED received an Unqualified Audit Report.
BEA will be closed Monday, February 19th for Presidents Day

Fire & Police- Mr. Miller:

Fire Department: Answered 6 fires in the City and 4 in the County. There were 2- two hour training sessions held for all fireman and one Fire Safety Program for 3rd graders.

Police Department: Everything was routine. There were several arrest in East Bolivar for Drugs and Firearms during the month of January.

Utilities- Dr. Wilhite:

Water & Sewer: The Utility Board has finalized the survey and engineering work to apply for a grant on re-hab of sewer lines. Also, the board approved Robert Stigall to have a bid opening on March 27, 2007 to have two water tanks restored.

Gas Department: Gas prices for the month of February will be .99 cents per hundred.
The board was informed the addition to the gas shop has been completed.

Recreation - Mr. Brown:

Recreation Department is starting the eleven through fourteen-year-old basketball leagues on Thursday. There will be approximately 130 participants with thirteen teams. They have started preparing ball fields and parks for the upcoming seasons. This department is looking into the possibilities of purchasing or leasing some of the State property at West Park in order to secure our USDA grant and loan. Everything has been routine.

Street/San - Mr. Stevens:

Street: Continuing to clean up around the lake behind Bolivar Middle School. This department is still hauling debris and items to the landfill. The Street Department has been working with the contractor on the "Welcome to Bolivar" sign and this has been complete.

Sanitation: Everything routine.

Planning- Mr. Wellons:

No meeting in January.

Library/Senior Citizens- Mr. Polk:

Library: 51 new library cards issued- Total of 6461 library card holders- Total circulation 8,029. In January there were 3 Adult Programs with 58 attendance and 4 Children's Programs with 112 attendance.

Senior Citizens: Meals served in the center were 506, meals delivered were 1066. All programs continue as routine. The van for the Senior Citizens has been ordered.

Historic Zoning- Mr. Gatlin:

An update was given on the Courthouse Square Revitalization Pilot Project recipients; Bolivar and Ripley were selected as the pilot cities for the western grand division of the state. This project allows the city to receive the sales and use tax collected from within the zone to preserve, revitalize and develop the Courthouse Square. Discussion was made of churches and individuals that have contributed to the Community Cemetery sign. A design and estimated cost of \$1100 has been obtained for this project. Chairman Johnson appointed Ken Kowen to seek various grants to assist the city in historic preservation. The commission discussed the city's Certified Local Government status approved August 2000 by the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Services and the Tennessee Historical Commission. CLG cities are ranked higher for grants than other applicant cities. The board agreed commission members will begin 2007 workshop training in February.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Sain:

Mr. Bob King with the Department of Finance was in Bolivar last Thursday. The Pilot Grant begin last fiscal year so we should receive our first check in September 2007. Mr. King was very impressed with the downtown area and would like to include both sides of the street. There will be a meeting with the center city commission next week due to the fact the county has agreed to hire LRK to do a similar study in Hardeman County as they did in Bolivar. They are looking into the possibility of hiring one person to oversee the downtown project as well as the county project.

The Mayor would like to call a personnel committee board meeting to discuss the retirement benefit package for employees with 30 years or more of service with the city. There is a study being done to see what the cost of early retirement would be for insurance and retirement for city employees.

Mayor Sain has contacted Mr. Wilbur Baker about purchasing two acres of property on Margin Street for a park in East Bolivar. Mr. Baker will get back with the Mayor in a couple of days to confirm if it is for sale. Mayor Sain, Mike Miller and Attorney Chip Cary have met several times concerning Chief Anthony and the Bolivar Police Department. They are taking this situation very seriously and were hoping to have a final decision tonight but due to the fact Attorney Cary has been out of town for the last several days they were not able to finish their discussions. This matter should be finalized in the next few weeks.

Mayor Sain, Mayor Spencer and others met with Bill Dance concerning the Bill Dance Signature Lake they are trying to get built in the Silerton area. Tennessee is looking into a trail of signature lakes. We are hoping Hardeman County will be the first county in Tennessee to have the Bill Dance Signature Lake. We are working very closely with the people in Nashville and feel like we have a great chance to get this lake. We are projecting a lake in the size of 2500 to 3000 acres.

The new "Welcome to Bolivar" sign on Highway 64 West has been completed and was unveiled Monday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. We are very proud of this sign and would like to thank our city employees who helped with this project. Curtis Stack and Lloyd Bell were the overseers and did a great job. Their work is appreciated very much.

Mayor Sain thanked Mr. Morris Denton for being here to fill in for Attorney Cary, who is out of town for a Judge's Conference.

Old Business:

- A: Second Reading on Ordinance 07-001, "Code of Ethics". Mr. Wellons moved to adjourn from Executive Session to Public Hearing for discussion on Ordinance 07-0001, seconded by Mr. Gatlin. All voted "Aye". After a brief discussion Mr. Wellons made a motion to reconvene back to Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stevens. All voted "Aye". Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to adopt Ordinance 07-001, Code of Ethics. All voted "Aye".
- B: ~~Resolution 07-001~~ "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a \$531,000 Water and Sewer Revenue and Tax Bond
 The purpose of the Water and Sewer Revenue Tax Bond is to close on our Water and Sewer Grant/Loan in the amount of \$531,000 to paint two of our water tanks and for slip lining of our sewer lines. The loan amount will be \$531,000 and the grant will be \$170,000.
 Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to adopt Resolution 07-0001. All voted "Aye".
- C: Resolution 07-002 "A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of \$186,000 Vehicles and Equipment Revenue & Tax Bond."
 It was noted these are the vehicles that were bid on January 26, 2007 for the Police Department along with the street sweeper and the Senior Citizens van. Our Grant/Loan we will be receiving from TAUD will pay these.
 Mr. Stevens moved, seconded by Mr. Wellons to adopt Resolution 07-002. All voted "Aye".

New Business:

- A. Audit Report- Mr. Mark Godwin, with William Jerrolds, Godwin and Nicholas, PLLC, presented the 2006 annual audit. He commended the office staff for their cooperation and work they had done in the past year. Mr. Godwin recognized Audrea Crisp, City of Bolivar Financial Manager, as being one of the most dedicated Financial Managers they have ever worked with. Mr. Godwin reported an overview of the General Fund with revenues being increased \$290,981. In the Water and Sewer Fund there was a loss of \$451,127 and a profit in the Gas Revenue Fund of \$187,550. After a brief discussion Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to approve the 2005-2006 audit. All voted "Aye".
- B. Mr. Cameron Miller, with New Wave Communication was present to introduce himself as the new General Manager. He informed the board their company would be opening an office in Bolivar very soon. They will be hiring some local people and will be offering new services in Bolivar.
- C. Mr. Drew Christian with Southwest Development District was present to address the board on the Delta Regional Authority Grant. After a brief discussion Mayor Sain informed him he would have Susan Horne, Grant Coordinator for the City of Bolivar, contact him to find out more information on how to apply for these grants.
- D. 1ST Reading of Ordinance 07-002 "Budget Amendment"
 Audrea Crisp introduced the following amendments for the Budget Year 2006-2007:

SECTION 1. The revenue(s) is (are) changed as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Original Estimate</u>	<u>New Estimate</u>
General	Rural Development Loan	-0-	\$186,000
General	Rural Development Grant	-0-	\$ 60,000

SECTION 2. The appropriation(s) for the department(s) in the fund(s) is (are) changed as follows:

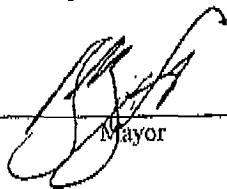
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>	<u>Total Approp.</u>
General	Police	Hospital Insurance	\$129,000	\$ 10,000	\$139,000
General	Police	Retirement	\$104,571	\$ 40,000	\$144,571
General	Street	Retirement	\$ 27,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 40,000
General	Street	Capital Outlay	\$58,600	\$ 95,000	\$153,600
General	Recreation	Retirement	\$ 11,600	\$ 6,000	\$ 17,600
General	Recreation	Capital Outlay	\$ 69,500	\$150,000	\$219,500
General	Senior Citizens	Capital Outlay	\$ 1,000	\$22,000	\$ 23,000

After a short discussion Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve Ordinance No. 07-002 on 1st Reading. All voted "Aye".

- E. Mayor Sain reported he needed to replace Mr. Jim Lee on the Hardeman County Airport Committee as a city representative. At this time his recommendation was Ms. Cathy Ledbetter, who has lots of family background with the airport. Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to approve the Mayor's recommendation. All voted "Aye".
- F. Mayor Sain introduced Mr. Blake Armstrong. He informed the board he had received several applications for the position of "Administrative Executive" and he and Mr. Charles Gatlin interviewed each applicant. They both felt Mr. Armstrong was the best person for the job. Mr. Armstrong thanked the Mayor and Council for allowing him to fill this position and stressed how he would be available to the Mayor, Council, city employees and residents of Bolivar at all times.

There being no further business, Mr. Wellons moved, seconded by Dr. Wilhite to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All voted "Aye".

Attest:



Mayor



Clerk