

Bolivar
Town Council Meeting
Telecommunication Regular Minutes
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Helen Dettmer-Mayor

Sarah Gordon

John Paul Heafer-Absent

Sandi Marra

Amanda VanVliet McDaniel

Stephen J. Paradis- Mayor Pro Tem

P. Jean Reed, Recorder-Absent

Moment of Silence and Pledge

Mayor Dettmer asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Councilpersons John Paul Heafer and P. Jean Reed were absent for this meeting.

Treasurers Report

Accountant Eric Lewis was not in attendance for the September meeting but provided a budget report to council members for their review. Steve Paradis made a motion to approve the budget report. Sarah Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Report and Public Comments (Corp. Trey Hockman)

Corp. Hockman was unable to attend the September meeting due to a medical emergency but provided a report for the council members to review. Mayor Dettmer reviewed the documents with council members and asked for questions from council. Amanda McDaniel would like for Corp. Hockman to provide an update of the community relations that exist between our businesses, middle school, and police services.

Approval of Minutes for August 3 Meeting

Councilperson Sarah Gordon moved to approve the minutes for the August 3 meeting with corrections. Motion seconded by Amanda McDaniel. Sandi Marra abstained.

Attendee Concerns

- Email was sent in from Alexis Grant concerning trees on W. Washington Street and the future plans that Bolivar had for replacing Bradford Pears
- Marie Uehling was in attendance to discuss her concerns regarding tree removal on W. Washington Street. A brief update of tree removal status was given.

Town Attorney Effie Kallas

Attorney Kallas gave an update on the collection of Wine & Liquor Tax for the Town of Bolivar. Mayor Dettmer told council members that a meeting took place with Sheriff Hansen and Chief Deputy Lupis regarding the tax collection and monies that were being received by other municipalities. Mayor Dettmer explained that Bolivar monies were not being collected and that our legal counsel has spoken with reps on the state level to try and avoid this issue. Sheriff Hansen and Chief Lupis will begin working with Matt Harvey (prosecuting attorney) and Riley Moore in order to remedy this matter.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Dettmer welcomed Maria Beckman (water commission rep for Town of Bolivar) to the Bolivar Town Council meeting. Mayor Dettmer thanked Maria for accepting this role and asked if she had a report to give during the Sept. Meeting. Maria stated that she attended the August water commission meeting. Ms. Beckman stated that an admin. would be hired to oversee the water system. Maria will be touring the water plant facility on Friday. Angie (water clerk) will be putting together a standard operating procedures in the near future. HF will be rebidding part of the project. Chris Styer (plant supervisor) recently attended a conference and received an award and recognition for his dedication and work as plant manager.
- October 18th the CVB will be hosting a grand opening-ribbon cutting. Additional details will be emailed to council members. Senator Manchin & Senator Capito will be in attendance.
- Mayor Dettmer asked councilmember Amanda McDaniel to give a report regarding the JCDA- Amanda stated that the Jefferson County Development Authority is in the process of scheduling an outreach meeting for the municipalities. Additional information will be sent out once the date has been confirmed. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an overview of the JCDA's structure and strategic plan.

Committee Reports

- **Street Committee-** No Report
- **Bolivar Planning Commission-**No Report –Next meeting will be held on Sept. 27, 2021
- **Canal Town Partnership-**No Report
- **Park & Recreation Committee-**Erik Eastman (park committee member) was in attendance for the meeting and gave a brief update. Erik stated that a park inspection was in the process of

being completed. All park equipment would be included in this inspection. Mulch will be delivered in the park the week of Sept. 20th. Tree removal in the park has been delayed due to the passing of our tree contractor. This matter has been placed on hold for the near future. Swings have been repaired and are now safe. Merry-go-round is not repairable. Concrete where this piece of equipment was located is being removed to avoid injuries. New signs are being designed for the park.

Old Business

1. Discussion of American Rescue & Recovery Funds

Mayor Dettmer shared a letter from Governor Jim Justice in reference to the allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury. The first half of the funding was in the amount of \$175,831.13 and was received in August 2021. The second half is expected to be awarded in the summer of 2022. Laura & Mayor Dettmer will be attending a meeting in October for the purpose on how these monies may be spent.

New Business

1. Presentation regarding Nondiscrimination Ordinance (Andrew Schneider-Fairness WV)

Andrew Schneider presented the nondiscrimination ordinance and gave a brief description of the importance of this ordinance. Mr. Schneider explained that this ordinance have positive feedbacks for businesses. Steve Paradis asked for the process of adoption to be explained. Mr. Schneider explained the adoption process of the ordinance. Mayor Dettmer would like Attorney Kallas to examine this document a little more thorough. Mayor Dettmer has concerns of lawsuits that this ordinance might bring to our small businesses in town.

2. Discuss/Approve removal of stumps on W. Washington Street

Table until the September 22nd special meeting

3. Discuss/Approve contribution to Allegheny Trail Alliance for TrailGuide (\$500)

Motion was made by Sarah Gordon to make a contribution of \$500 to the Allegheny Trail Alliance for the TrailGuide. Seconded by Amanda McDaniel. Motion passed.

4. Discuss letter from HF/Bolivar PSD regarding infiltration into sewer system

Councilmembers received a copy of letter that was sent to customers regarding infiltration matter. There are several corrections that need to be made and PSD is reaching out to individuals to correct their issues. Mayor Dettmer explained the problem that the PSD is having by trying to get the attention of those individuals in question. Councilmembers were tasked with how to get this information out to customers to remedy this problem. Letters were sent out with water bills in august to each customer.

Adjournment

Councilmember Sarah Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. Amanda McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Amanda McDaniel", written in a cursive style.