

**BOLIVAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 7:30p.m.**

**Helen Dettmer, Mayor
Sarah Gordon
John Paul Heafer-Mayor Pro Tem
Stephen J. Paradis
Jerry Powell
Scott Whetsell
P. Jean Reed, Recorder**

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

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Bolivar Town Council was called to order by Mayor Helen Dettmer on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @7:31p.m.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report for July 1, 2017-November 30, 2017 was given by Mayor Dettmer in the absence of Accountant Eric Lewis. Mayor Dettmer reported to date our total income is \$190,975 and our total expenses are \$155,321 leaving a net income of \$35,654. Our target % is 42% and we are at 43%. Mayor Dettmer also mentioned Gaming Income is at 43% and Video Lottery is at 65%. This is very good for this time of the year. **Councilperson Scott Whetsell moved to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Councilperson Jerry Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Minutes

Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting

Steve Paradis had one correction under Discussion of USDA removal of Turkey Vultures (page 3) it should read PVAS and not PBAS. Also, Sarah Gordon had a correction (page 4) it should read Center for Visitors Bureau. **Councilperson John Paul Heafer moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2017 Regular Meeting as corrected. Councilperson Jerry Powell Sarah Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Attendee Concerns:

- **Stephen Smoot**-Representative from Alex Mooney's Office. Mr. Smoot asked if we have any special projects that Congressman Mooney's Office can help with, please let him know.
- **Marra- Sandi** lives on Union Street. Ms. Marra wanted to give the Council Members a handout. She feels the Mayor and Council should come out strong to say we do not support the KKK and what these kind of groups stand for. She would like for Bolivar to put something on the Bolivar Web page stating we do not condone this kind of behavior. Along with the literature they also distributed bags of candy.
- **Chris Brunton**-agrees with Sandi Marra.
- **Jim VonHaden**-He would like to know what Bolivar is willing to do, to state on the record, that Bolivar is not a community that condones this kind of hate. Mayor Dettmer said she has provided Sheriff Dougherty and Dave Hammer with information. Town Attorney will be meeting with Mayor Dettmer later this week to discuss this issue.
- **Chris Holtslauder**-Would like to see a message concerning this issue and find out what we can do.

- **Breck Reitter and Jacob Stettes**-If you make a huge deal about this, that is what they want. We need to change the tone of the message.
- **Sandi Marra**-We are just asking for an affirmative statement about what kind of Town we are. Councilperson Sarah Gordon welcomed some of our newest residents to Bolivar.

Town Attorney, Dave Hammer

No report from Mr. Hammer who is away on business

Mayor's Report

- Received a Thank You note from the Ability Experience for our contribution to Chris Price's Group.
- Laura and Mayor Dettmer attended the presentation from Roxul who is building a business in Ranson. They will employ 150 people and will be the second plant in US. They have 2 more in Canada. They chose us because of work force and natural resources. This plant will melt stone and spins this fiber and makes it into insulation. We have a folder if anyone wants to check this out. They hope to open by the end of 2018. Thanks to Mayor of Ranson and Council for this new business.
- Census for 2020 Getting started early. Hope everyone fills out their paperwork.
- Thanked everyone for their information of the Deer Study. Checking out the camera work and will report back. We only had eight people fill out a deer survey and wished we had more people participate in the study.
- Fireman's Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 14 @ 2:30p.m.
- Breakfast with Santa, cost is \$6.00, Saturday, December 14

Sheriff's Department Report and Public Comment

Sheriff Dougherty said a number of years ago we had some of the same things happen except they put gravel in the candy bags in order to hold them down in place. At that time the approach we took was do not pay a lot of attention to it, don't give it a voice, don't amplify it or their hateful message. It worked successfully. Sheriff Dougherty felt it would be fine to get a message that this community does not support hate.

We have had a number of juvenile complaints which have been turned over to juvenile processing and can be punished. The teen can be referred to teen court. They may get community service.

There were a total of 102 recorded calls of service from November 1-November 30, 2017. The breakdown included: 59 direct patrols, 3 animal complaints, 1 Breaking and Entering, 1 civil process, 1 destruction of property, 1 follow up investigations, 1 juvenile complaint, 1 noise complaint, 1 Theft not in progress, 1 threat, 1 warrant service, 1 wire down, 1 alarm call, 3 assaults not in progress, 1 citizen assist, 2 custody disputes, 4 disturbance calls, 1 physical domestic not in progress, 1 Motor Vehicle hit and run, 1 protective order, 6 public service, 6 traffic stops, and 3 welfare checks.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office continues to provide the high quality service to Bolivar. If members of the Council and Citizens have a general concern about law enforcement they are asked to call the Sheriff's Office during business hours Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5:30PM and anytime there is an emergency to call 911.

Councilperson Scottie Whetsell thanked the Sheriff's Department for radar near the Commuter Station.

Sheriff Dougherty reminded everyone "if you see something, report something."

Councilperson John Paul Heafer said there was another group of kids fighting in a driveway up from him.

Stephen Smoot said in Hampshire County there was a problem with someone agreeing to let signs be put on their property but did not fully understand what they agreed to and the consequences. This is in reference to signs being placed on property.

Street Committee (John Paul Heafer)

Councilperson Heafer said he received a proposal from US Paving, LLC to install one 8' post, removing approximately 48 linear feet of wood guardrail, and furnish and install approximately 48 linear feet of wood guardrail on Jefferson Street for \$900. **Councilperson Scott Whetsell moved to accept the proposal**

from US Paving, LLC for Jefferson Street guardrail for \$900 as presented by Councilperson Heafer. Councilperson Jerry Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Councilperson Paradis said on the topic of streets, did we ever do anything about Billy Ray Dunn's letter concerning parking on Washington Street. Mayor Dettmer said we are not going to get involved with parking on Washington Street since the state owns Washington Street. Mr. Dunn does not live or have a business here. Mayor Dettmer reported she gets many complaints about parking, but feels we should not get involved with this.

Bolivar Planning Commission (Steve Paradis)

Councilperson Steve Paradis said they received one application for 131 Taylor Street which was denied due to setbacks.

We will be meeting with Attorney Hammer and will keep everyone posted on the Planning Commission reports.

Also, there will be an opening on the planning commission as Danny Chiores is leaving after January.

Parks and Recreation Committee

No report

Old Business

None

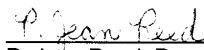
New Business

None


Adjournment

Councilperson John Paul Heafer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Sarah Gordon seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



P. Jean Reed, Recorder



Helen Dettmer, Mayor