

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
August 8, 2019

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Winston
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Winston
- D. Roll Call
 - Mayor Holland - Present
 - Councilperson Martin - Present
 - Councilperson Pruneau – Present
 - Councilperson Riley - Absent
 - Vice Mayor Townes – Present
 - Councilperson Winston - Present
 - Councilperson Young - Present
- E. Mayor's Welcome:

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Holland extended a warm welcome to all.
- F. Mayor Holland presented a plaque to retiring Assistant Fire Chief Joe Perkins for his 38 years of service to the McKenzie Fire Department. Assistant Chief Perkins started part-time in 1986, becoming full time in 1988 and as the Assistant Chief in 1993. Fire Chief Tucker then took a few minutes to speak about how Assistant Chief Perkins was looked up to by fellow firefighters and what a great teacher he was to those coming up through the ranks.
- G. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated July 11, 2019
- H. Financial Matters

There were no financial matters to be brought to the council.
- I. Old Business:
 - 1. Public Hearing for the 2019-2020 Budget:

Discussion:

Mayor Holland declared the Public Hearing open. There were no comments or questions from the audience, therefore, Mayor Holland declared the Public Meeting closed

2. Discussion/Approval to approve the 2019-2020 budget on 3rd reading.

Discussion: Mayor Holland asked the council if there were any questions. None were asked.

Action Taken: Motion made by Councilman Pruneau, second by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the 2019-2020 budget.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

- 3 2nd reading of Ordinance 528: An Ordinance to adopt Rules for City Parks and Recreational Facilities.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: A motion was made by Councilperson Winston, second by Vice Mayor Townes to adopt Ordinance 528.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

J. New Business:

1. Approve and appoint Victoria Ard to the McKenzie Municipal Library Board.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Townes, second by Councilperson Pruneau.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

2. Discuss and approve contract with Carroll County Electric to maintain new LED street lights.

Discussion: Mayor Holland informed the council that Trane met with Carroll County Electric concerning maintaining the new lights. Carroll County Electric will replace and maintain these lights as stipulated in the contract.

Action Taken: Motion made by Vice Mayor Townes, second by Councilperson Pruneau.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

3 Discuss & approve Resolution 19-007 an agreement between Jim Pillow & the City of McKenzie to develop and implement an ADA Transition Plan.

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that the background of this plan started several years ago with a State mandated plan saying we all had to have an ADA Transition Plan. We signed our a few years ago and we are to have it completed by December 2019. These mandates can be extremely expensive. After some research, Mayor Holland spoke with B.W. Beasley, Mayor of Milan about the possibility of hiring Jim Pillow. Jim is the codes officer for Milan and has previously worked with some of our codes officers in the past, so we are very aware of the credentials that he has in order to write our plan. According to the contract he would oversee our plan until 2023 and half the cost we would pay an engineering firm. Jim advised us that any sidewalks, restrooms, even the splash pad can be reported as work on our plan. If this ADA Transition Plan is not completed, we would not be eligible for any TDOT grants.

Action Taken: Motion made by Councilman Bobby Young, second by Vice Mayor Townes to approve this agreement between Jim Pillow & the City of McKenzie.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

K. Any Other Business: None

L. Citizens Input: None

M. Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer reported they were staying busy with household/brush pickup. They had been mowing right of ways and several abandoned lots that had been turned in by Codes. They were also working in some equipment maintenance.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley stated they were staying very busy with mowing due to the continued rain. They were gearing up with fall soccer and softball. He said they were about to finish the dog park and would have it ready by opening day of August 22 @ 1:15. He stated they were still had a couple more Nights on Broadway and the Sweet Tea Festival coming up to work on.

Codes Enforcer Morrisett stated he had been keeping Public Works busy with mowing unkept properties in the city. He stated people were still blaming the weather; rain or heat causing their yards to look unkept. He stated that he had the best results with individuals by talking to them first, then sending a letter and lastly citing into court.

Police Chief Craig Moates spoke about mobility devices explaining that based on DOT statues, we could really not do anything about removing them from the streets. He did say that since they are NOT a motor vehicle, they would have to give way to a pedestrian or a pedestrian

powered vehicle, such as a bicycle. He then reported there was a total of 1075 calls for the month. 416 security checks – home / business / parks, 205 vehicle stops, 169 investigations 10-43, medical – 45, citizens assist – 32, talk with an officer – 21, welfare check – 20 and a wide variety of other service calls.

Fire Chief Tucker informed the council that with the retirement of Assistant Chief Perkins, Roger Christian would be moving to the night shift, and Jason Arnold would be the day time assistant. Chief Tucker was also happy to say that Jason was already working on some grants for the department. Chief Tucker's report indicated 21 total incidents for the month. 8 for commercial alarms, 6 involving motor vehicle accidents, 3 resulting in smoke investigation and a wide variety of other service calls.

Water Superintendent Wood stated they were staying busy. He said the sewer project was about to begin and that meter replacement would begin Monday – August 19th.

N. Council Reports: Mayor Holland spoke about the issue of the burned residence on Woodrow. She stated because of the arson investigation, nothing could be done until now. The investigation has been completed and Public Works has gone in and mowed the property. She stated because of the proximity of the school, the city felt that we would get it cleaned up even though it is the responsibility of the homeowner. We would then place a lien on the property. Councilperson Young asked if this would be setting a precedent. Mayor Holland said that due to placing a lien on the property, it would not create an issue.

Councilperson Pruneau asked if we had any word concerning the start time for the Cedar Street multi-modal sidewalk project. Mayor Holland responded we are still in the process of getting easements signed. We are experiencing some difficulty contacting two of the property owners at this time. These easements are just to verify that the City can come on your property if needed to repair the sidewalk if something happens.

Mayor Holland gave the council a bit of good news with the announcement of receiving a grant to build a sidewalk down S. Main to EW James and that a new culvert would be installed to help eliminate some of the flooding in that area. She stated that we have not been successful with getting assistance from FEMA.

O. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Winston seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk