

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
July 11, 2019

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Young
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Young
- D. Roll Call
 - Mayor Holland - Present
 - Councilperson Martin - Present
 - Councilperson Pruneau - Present
 - Vice Mayor Townes — Present
 - Councilperson Winston - Absent
 - 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. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated June 13, 2019
- G. Financial Matters

Motion was made by Councilperson Martin, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau to pay the Water department's National Meters bill of \$ 600,000.00 for the new water meters. Motion passes. Motion made by Councilman Pruneau, second by Councilman Young to pay Police invoice to TN National Safety Council for driving school materials and training in the amount of \$ 6,333.00. Motion passes. Police also presented bills from Westenn Fence Co in the amount of 4,730.00. Motion to pay made by Councilperson Martin, second by Vice Mayor Townes to pay. Motion passes.
- H. Old Business:
 - 1. Swearing in of Debbie Riley

Mayor Holland took this time to swear in Debbie Riley to fill the vacancy of Ward IV seat. Mrs. Riley had submitted her Letter of Intent and had been unanimously approved at the June 13, 2019 meeting. After the swearing in, Mrs. Riley took her seat at the council counter.

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

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

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

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

I New Business:

1. 1st reading of Ordinance 528: An Ordinance to adopt Rules for City Parks and Recreational Facilities.

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that with this ordinance we could put all the parks under it. We would only to amend the ordinance, and not have to do a new ordinance every time we needed to add or make changes to our park rules.

Action Taken: Motion made by Councilperson Pruneau to adopt Ordinance 527 City Parks and Recreation rules. 2nd was made by Councilman Young.

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

2 Discussion/Approval dog park rules.

Discussion: Mayor Holland indicated there had been some questions as to what if a dog bites someone at the dog park, or what if dogs get into a fight. She said that our attorney had advised us that it is entirely up to the individual – you come to the dog park at your own risk.

Action Taken: Councilperson Martin made the motion to approve the dog park rules, second from Councilperson Riley.

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

J. Any Other Business: None

K. Citizens Input: Walter Winchester representing Bethel Baptist Church spoke to the council about the possibility of extending water lines and installing a fire hydrant nearer the church. The church is adding an addition that will house right under 300 individuals. He had calculated that it would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00. Mr. Winchester indicated that the State had put a hold on the project at this time until something could be worked. Water Dept Supervisor Wood said it would not be a problem to absorb the cost of supplying the water line and hydrant. Attorney Keeton said that if the property was in the city limits, we need to be able to provide fire coverage. Fire Chief Tucker said that he had been asked to sign a waiver and he could not in good conscience sign it due to the fact the building was 1300' from the nearest fire

hydrant and his hose would only reach about 1200' max. Attorney Keeton asked if they were planning on tying into the City Water and Sewer. Mr. Winchester responded it would be a dead-end line; meaning water doesn't circulate in the system, and could be stale unless Billy kept flushing it to keep the water from being stagnant. Mayor Holland entertained a motion to add on to the line for an additional fire hydrant.

Action Taken: Councilperson Pruneau made the motion to approve the installation of new water lines and hydrant to Bethel Baptist Church. 2nd was made by Vice Mayor Townes.

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

L. Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer reported they were staying busy with household/brush pickup. They had been mowing several abandoned lots that had been turned in by Codes. They had also re-stripped several parking lots downtown.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley reported the Freedom Festival fireworks show had been a huge success. He stated they were staying very busy with mowing due to the continued rain. He mentioned they had finally received the benches for the new dog park and had them together. He stated that Public Works Director Mercer and staff had offered to help them form up and pour concrete for pads to install the benches on hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Beasley also thanked the Public Works Department for cutting some trees at the park and for delivery mulch for their landscaping projects. Mr. Beasley also thanked Fire Chief Tucker and staff member Robert Ross for mowing along University Drive.

Mayor Holland took a moment to thank the Parks Department, our trustees, Carol and Phillip Morrisett for spreading mulch in the Waldren Street island. She also mentioned we will announce the formal opening of the dog park in a couple of weeks.

Codes Enforcer Morrisett stated he had been keeping Public Works busy with mowing unkept property in the city.

Police Chief Craig Moates reported there was a total of 1335 calls for the month. 619 security checks – home / business / parks, 243 vehicle stops, 195 investigations 10-43, medical – 32, citizens assist – 30, alarm-burglar/panic/fire - 24 and a wide variety of other service calls.

Fire Chief Tucker reported the alarm at Parts Depot had gone off several times over the past week-end. After they had been informed of being fined for continuous incidents, it did not go off anymore. He mentioned that the ladder truck was going to need some work due to a hydraulic leak they had just found. The 5-year ISO audit would be coming up on August 14th. The 14th will also be Joe Perkins last shift. He has been with the McKenzie Fire Department for 37 years. Chief Tucker's report indicated 28 total incidents for the month. 11 for commercial alarms, 5 involving motor vehicle accidents and a wide variety of other service calls.

Water Superintendent Wood stated they were staying busy. They have begun receiving some of the new meters. Mayor Holland also mentioned that Trane was in town putting up some of the new lights. She invited council to come with us Monday, July 22 between 8:30 – 9:00 pm as we go to the sites and check out the spread and intensity of the lights.

M. Council Reports: None

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk