

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
August 11, 2022

A. Call to Order – Mayor Holland

B. Prayer – Councilperson Young

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Young

D. Roll Call

Mayor Holland -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Batton -	Present
Councilperson Burns -	Present
Councilperson Pruneau -	Present
Councilperson Watson -	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. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the July 14, 2022 minutes.

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. Old Business:

None presented

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/approval to hire Jim Pillow as the “condemnation” consultant.

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that Mr. Pillow would only be working on items that would go before the condemnation committee. Ricky Watkins would continue to inspect new construction. Mr. Pillow’s fee is based on what he did and how much on each individual property. She went on to say on property that is deemed to come before the committee, a title search by a law office would need to be done. Another issue is that in order to see the property on the inside, we would have to serve an administrative inspection warrant.

Motion to approve hiring Mr. Pillow was made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2nd made by Councilperson Batton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>
		Councilperson Watson	<u>Y</u>

Motion carries.

- b. Discussion/approval of Ordinance # 548 changing wording of public officer to be person or persons.

Discussion: Mayor Holland explained that Mr. Pillow had advised this change because a lot of the time, things were thrown out of court by using the old wording of public officer.

Motion to approve on 1st ready Ordinance #548 to change the wording Public Officer to person or persons was made by Councilperson Burns, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>
		Councilperson Watson	<u>Y</u>

Motion carries.

- c. Discussion/approval for members of the Condemnation Committee to act as the designated person or persons.

Mayor Holland stated that when the property was taken to a condemnation hearing, the person who had signed the letter would be in the audience and not allowed to be in the discussion or vote.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Batton that a member of the condemnation committee would act with Mr. Pillow as the designated person or persons for that particular case and not as a voting member of the committee. 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>
		Councilperson Watson	<u>Y</u>

Motion carries.

J. Citizens Input:

David Barksdale owner of City Wine & Liquor and Barry Dillahunty owner of 79 Spirits & Wines addressed the council stating that it had been brought to their attention that another business was planning to open a 3rd store in town. Both owners expressed the thought that

adding another business would not increase the amount of sales tax the city would see. They reminded the council that the town started with three stores, but did not take long to go down to 2 like most of the surrounding towns. They said they an additional store might end up showing a loss of sales tax because they would not be able to give the discount they do now because their inventory purchase would be reduced that helps them give the discount. They said they generate 5% to the city when their inventory is unloaded – not sold.

Councilperson Pruneau asked if that would impact the grocery stores.

Mr. Barksdale said it would not change anything concerning grocery stores. Mr. Dillahunty stated the State of Tennessee had a limit now on how many an individual can have. Stores have to follow the ABC guidelines.

Councilperson Pruneau said he felt like it knocks others out of the market. Mayor Holland stated that when the ordinance was written, the city attorney felt we would be discriminating. If we amend would that be seen as “free market”?

Mayor Holland ended by stating that the city would have a workshop for further discussion, which both store owners would be invited to.

N. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported 29 incidents, 9 Aircraft Stand By, 5 EMS, 4 commercial alarm and various others. He also stated July had been a dry month, they did respond to a 50-acre soybean field fire and had assisted Gleason with a house fire. They were about 2/3 of the way through checking fire hydrants. Chief Tucker was happy to say they had pulled in about 212 fire contracts, which 60-65 were new

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated they were staying busy fixing water leaks and putting in sewer taps. Superintendent Wood said that Pavement Restoration was working us in to repair some of the holes in the city streets.

Police Lt. Ryan White gave the police report for July stating they had 1017 calls for service. 440 of those were security checks, 83 vehicle stops, 82 were citizens assist, 57 medical and numerous other calls.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated they were staying busy with their weekly household pickups of limb / yard debris. He stated the paving project had finished and they would have the street affected striped. He and his crew were working on sidewalk repairs.

Philip Morrissett for the Codes Department stated he met Mr. Pillow in the meeting and was looking forward to working with him. He said one of the residents he had been working with on a cleanup was still busy cleaning, but had not completed it yet.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated they were now trying to get caught up with mowing and trimming after the rains. Middle School softball had gotten started. Parks Director Hollowell

said they had gotten the pavilion pad formed and was now waiting for the concrete to be poured.

O. Council Reports:

None

P. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Burns, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:43 P.M.

Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk