

**Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN**

March 22, 2007

- a. Call to Order** – Mayor Walter Winchester
- b. Opening Prayer** – Councilperson Holland
- c. Roll Call** – All members present except Councilperson Allen and Adkins

Mayor Winchester
Councilperson Hale
Councilperson Davis
Councilperson Ramey
Councilperson Allen - Absent
Councilperson Holland
Councilperson Adkins -Absent

- d. Mayor’s Welcome**
- e. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Davis, to approve the minutes with corrections of deleting “spectators” and inserting “coaches” in three different locations under discussion about the Park and Recreation Code of ethics. The motion passed without voiced opposition. Councilperson Holland advised that she and the Park Director had obtained some signs that would be posted around the park area encouraging all participants, spectators, etc. to show good sportsmanship.

- f. Financial Matters**

1. Bills:	<u>Vendor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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None

- g. Old Business** – None
- h. New Business**

1. Approval of Resolution 07-007 (Resolution to contribute a donation to the Gordon Browning Museum)

Discussion:

Mayor Winchester reminded the council the request was from an organization the council had voted to contribute to when the budget was passed at the beginning of the fiscal year and the organization was asking for the contribution. The city had supported this organization for several years at the level requested.

Action Taken:

Motion made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Holland, to approve Resolution 07-007.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Absent</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 4, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 2. The motion was passed.

2. Approval of Resolution 07-008 (Resolution to contribute a donation to the Carroll County Carl Perkins Center)

Discussion:

This was another organization the council had supported and they had asked for a larger contribution this year but the council had voted to support the organization at the budgeted level. Councilperson Davis asked if the organization was in Huntingdon or McKenzie and he was advised by Attorney Jones that the organization is in Huntingdon across the rail tracks from E.W. James. Councilperson Davis asked that under the current tax relief plan, does the state send to the city/county the difference in tax relief and taxes owed and the answer was yes to that question.

Action Taken:

Motion made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Holland to approve Resolution 07-008.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Absent</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Yes</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Yes</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Absent</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 4, Nays – 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 2. The motion was passed.

i. Citizens Input – None

j. Council Discussion/Reports

Mayor Winchester advised the council that the library was having an open house on April 11, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and everyone was invited. Winchester complimented Mrs. Wilson on the good appearance of the building, the modernization of the items available to patrons and encouraged the council to support the library on this open house date.

Winchester also advised that at the working session held on March 19, 2007 on the subject of the property tax, in clarifying a statement about freezing taxes when a property owner reaches 65 years of age, their property tax would be frozen at that level. If that property was sold, transferred, etc, it would go back on the tax rolls at the proper tax level. The Mayor had made a statement that 90% of the taxpayers would be frozen and this is true but only when they reach 65 years of age and their income level is at the set amount (i.e. \$20,000, \$30,000, \$60,000.) As reminded by Councilperson Ramey, the county and local governments would be required to pass legislation to approve the tax freeze for this age and income limit.

Councilperson Hale stated that “911 equipment distribution” was on hold at the present time but Chief Cooper advised Council that he believed most of the details had been worked out and the county was waiting to hear from the towns to go forward.

k. Any other business – None

l. Adjournment

With no further business, motion was made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Hale, to adjourn. The motion passed.

APPROVED: _____
Walter Winchester, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Charlie Beal, City Recorder