

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
December 9, 2021

A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland

B. Prayer — Councilperson Pruneau

C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilperson Pruneau

D. Roll Call

Mayor Holland - Present  
Vice Mayor Townes - Present  
Councilperson Batton - Present  
Councilperson Burns- Present  
Councilperson Pruneau - 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 citing that we only had department heads and press present for the meeting.

F. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Young, seconded by Councilperson Townes to approve the minutes dated November 18, 2021.

Motion passes

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. Old Business:

a. Discuss/approve (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) Ordinance 541 Hotel/Motel property. Councilperson Burns made the motion to approve Ordinance 541, seconded by Councilperson Batton.

Roll call vote:

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| Councilperson Burns   | Y | Councilperson Batton | Y |
| Councilperson Pruneau | Y | Councilperson Young  | Y |
| Councilperson Townes  | Y |                      |   |

Motion carries

I. New Business:

a. Approve the Employee Christmas Bonus of \$100.00 for each full-time employee. Mayor Holland stated the bonus was part of the budget. Councilperson Pruneau made the motion to approve the employee bonus, seconded by Councilperson Townes.

Roll call vote:

Councilperson Burns     Y  
Councilperson Pruneau   Y  
Councilperson Townes    Y

Councilperson Batton    Y  
Councilperson Young     Y

Motion Carries

J. Citizens Input: none

K. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Tucker stated they had responded to 22 calls for the month of November, hitting 303 calls as of December 9<sup>th</sup>. It's been a very busy year. The department did have 2 structure fires, 1 commercial fire this month. The Fire Dept. recognized Drake Pate as the Fireman of the Year during the annual Christmas Dinner. With Drake's family present, it was a very emotional and moving evening.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated his department was doing their regular job of taking care of the city's water and fixing leaks.

Police Chief Moates stated they responded to 1,127 calls. We have the speed calming device and we are working on assembly. The older speed device in the parking lot area is being tested. We are hoping to be able to use as a monitor board.

Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated his team had been busy putting up Christmas lights throughout the town, working on the Candy Cane and Mistletoe Ball. He also added if citizens complain about the leaves, it seems as they all fell at once and they have been slammed with leaf pick-up. The leaf truck can only go so fast, just be patient as we work on getting all of the leaves picked up. Lastly, we are servicing equipment. Mayor Holland added the TN Dept. of Tourism is doing a special on McKenzie's Mistletoe Ball.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated they had decorated the park with Christmas lights. The team is mulching leaves. The pond has been stocked with trout and we are working on making the fishing experience for those that fish the pond better by focusing on removing the vine growth around the edges. Eagle Scout Duane Patrick will be installing the Gaga Pit at the park December 11<sup>th</sup> or December 12<sup>th</sup>, depending on the weather. Billy added he had restored a John Deere tractor that has not run in 5+ years with a new battery and some clean-up. The tractor was in a shed at the park. This action will save the city quite a bit of money. Billy commended of the department heads for assisting when needed and being available for questions.

L. Council Reports:

There were no council reports

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Pruneau to adjourn at 6:12 P.M.

Motion carried.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Holland, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk