

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

- A) Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B) Prayer — Councilperson Winston
- C) Pledge of Allegiance — Councilperson Winston
- D) Roll Call

- Mayor Holland - Present
- Vice Mayor Callahan - Present
- Councilperson Martin - Present
- Councilperson Pruneau - Present
- Councilperson Townes - Present
- Councilperson Young – Present
- Councilperson Winston - 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) Proclamation for Maggie Glass

- Glass was recognized for appearance at the TSSAA state golf competition for two consecutive years. She was also recognized by the Jackson as female golfer of the year for the 2018 season.

G) Approval of Minutes

- Motion made by Vice-Mayor Callahan, seconded by Councilman Townes, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated January 10, 2019.

H) Financial Matters

- None

I) H. Old Business

- None

J) New Business

A) Approval/Discussion for small cell towers

- Comes at the recommendation of the Planning Commission
- Action Take : Motion – R. Callahan Second – J. Townes
- Discussion: Sets the standards and regulations of small cell towers. Follows the regulations set by the State of Tennessee. Designed similar that used by Dyersburg.
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

B) Purchase of 1994 Ford tanker for fire department

- Action Take : Motion – C. Pruneau Second – B. Winston
- Discussion: A tanker is needed to haul water on certain fire calls. Current tanker is a homemade 1987 model. Requested tanker is 1994 with 8,898 miles (761 hours). Cost of new tanker is \$34,900. Will be purchased through \$25,000 from contract sales; selling of old tanker (\$5,000); sell of Chevy Blazer (\$2,500); deduction from training budget (\$1,900); will used utilities budget surplus (\$4,000).
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

C) Discussion/proposal of police officer salary increase

- Over the past few weeks the council and the police department have taken part in

workshops designed to address the crisis of low moral and high turnover in the department. Due to the high turnover rate, over the last four years the police department has hired 14 new officers. McKenzie is one of the lowest paying municipalities within a 40+ radius. Over the last four years, the department has paid over \$374,000 in training for new hires.

- Action Take : Motion – J. Martin – motion to increase police salaries by \$3.00 effective immediately under the stipulation that funding come from the city's traffic light fines and any increased revenue or surplus availability within the current budget. Also the police department will have to present a step pay increase plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Second – C. Pruneau
- Discussion: Councilman Townes and Councilman Winston expressed their concerns on the long term availability of funds. Assistant Chief Ricky Sawyers stated the money collect from the traffic camera has been consistent for a number of years and a decrease in training fees would pay for the pay raises. Vice-Mayor Callahan said he hopes this will stop the cherry picking of our officers. Councilman Martin said has to find a number that will put McKenzie ahead of Huntingdon, Dresden and Gleason in the hopes of eventually meeting the state average.
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

D) Confirmation of Parks Board member – Daniel Hollowell

- Action Take : Motion – B. Winston Second – B. Young
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

E) Approval of Planning Commission members – Bill Davis, Neil Haywood, and Monica Heath

- Action Take : Motion – J. Martin Second – R. Callahan
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

F) Resolution for smoke free parks – Carroll County

- Action Take : Motion – C. Pruneau Second – J. Martin
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passes

K) Citizens Input

A) Juanita Jones – provided the board with information on a community program *Keep My Hood Good*. Program was developed in Jackson, TN for at risk children from ages 8-18.

B) Arthur Kapeller – asked to present a signed petition against the issuance of a beer license to Rene Enang d/b/a Red Cave Café & Hookah Lounge. Mr. Kapeller was informed the Alcohol Board would not meet that night due to the failure of giving public notice of the meeting. The meeting was rescheduled to February 24, 2019 at 12 p.m.

L) Department Head Reports

A) Public Works – Johnny Mercer

- continuing work on brush and leaf pick up; servicing and prepping bush-hog; looking at water drainage issues in Richardson Subdivision.

B) Parks Department – Mike Beasley – Not present (Flu)

C) Water Department – Billy Wood

- working on leaks and trying to stop sewer over flows from heavy rains

D) Codes Department – Philip Morrisett

- dealing with condemnation hearings

E) Fire Department – Brian Tucker

- total incidents = 32; motor vehicle accidents = 7; Gleason assists 2

F) Police Department – Craig Motes

- total calls = 1166; security checks = 549; investigations = 154; vehicle stops = 156

- Main Street – Mayor Holland (J. Waldrup out with knee replacement) update on Chocolate Tour; reminded board of James Monroe McKenzie birthday celebration at the depot of February 14; March 4th will be legislative coffee at city hall at 7 a.m. featuring State Representatives C. Halford, A. Holt, B. Griffey and State Senator John Stephens.

M) Council Reports

- None

N) Adjournment

- Action Take : Motion – B. Young Second – B. Winston
- Roll call vote: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting Adjourned at 6:35