

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
January 13, 2022

A. Call to Order – Mayor Holland

B. Prayer – Councilperson Townes

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilperson Townes

D. Roll Call

Mayor Holland - Present

Vice Mayor Townes - Present

Councilperson Batton - Present

Councilperson Burns - Absent

Councilperson Pruneau - Present

Councilperson Young - Absent

E. Mayor's Welcome:

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Holland extended a warm welcome to all. Mayor Holland cited that with 2 members absent we did not have enough for a quorum.

F. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes was delayed to the February meeting.

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. New Business:

a. Overdue Water Bills – Discussion/Approval for March 20th due date – meeting with MTAS to present a revised policy for the council to approve in February.

Discussion: TAUD accessed our utilities and indicated we are holding overdue water bills too long. TAUD recommended the bills that are currently in an overdue status at this time should be paid in full by March 20th to avoid being cut-off. Cut-off is the 20th unless it falls on a weekend day. Total number of water/sewer Customers is 2200. Average customers on the cut-off list is 120. Average customers actually cut-off is 30-40. The number of customers with debt of \$300-\$400 is less than 10. Last policy for cut-off procedures was 9/10/1996. Letters have been sent to the customers.

b. Leaf Truck – Discussion on maintenance, new truck, alternatives for leaf pick-up

Discussion: Truck is currently 37 years old. Leaf pick-up runs from November-March. The leaf machine has been damaged numerous times from items being placed in the leaves that should not be such as bricks, metal, sticks and even a shovel head. This results in large repair bills. The leaf truck also takes 3 employees-sometimes 4 to operate. Ford Motor Co. is also not accepting any orders for 2022, so a new truck would be an issue. We would like to see customers

bag the leaves year round for pick-up. This would also free up 2 employees.

I. Citizens Input: none

J. Department Head Reports:

Kevin Hill represented the Fire Department. McKenzie Fire received a grant for a Grain Bin Rescue Kit.

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

Andy Weaver represented the Police Department stated they responded to 1,193 calls for Service and provided a break-down of the call types. The calming device is ready.

Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated his team was working on the leaf truck and continuing to service the equipment. Candy cane pole is still up and they will be working to get it down in the coming weeks.

Philip Morrisett for the Codes Department stated McKenzie looked good last Friday, snow was on the ground and covering any code violations.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated all Christmas decorations have been taken down and they are currently working on a remodel for an office/break room at the park area. TWRA has completed their second round of stocking the pond with trout. TN Forestry Service has looked into the tree that was hit in Veteran's Park and we will be getting some bids to see how we will be taking care of the tree.

K. Council Reports:

There were no council reports

L. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:28 P.M.

Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk