

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
June 9, 2022

A. Call to Order – Mayor Holland

B. Prayer – Councilperson Batton

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Batton

D. Roll Call

Mayor Holland -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Batton -	Present
Councilperson Burns -	Present
Councilperson Pruneau -	Absent
Councilperson Watson -	Absent
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.

G. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Townes, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the May 12, 2022 minutes.

H. Mayor Holland presented the council for nomination and approval of a new Planning Commission Member Joyce Hayes. Motion made by Councilperson Burns to accept Mrs. Hayes, second by Councilperson Young. Motion passes

I. Mayor Holland presented three names for nomination and approval of the McKenzie Memorial Library Board, part of the Reelfoot Association. Names presented were Scott Arm Priest, Mike Host and Edward Sexton. Motion made by Councilperson Burns to accept Mr. Arm Priest, Mr. Host and Mr. Section to the board, second by Vice-Mayor Townes. Motion passes

J. Financial Matters:

Partial payment was presented to Backyard Showcase in the amount of \$8,468.67 for pavilion at splash pad. Payment was approved by Councilperson Burns, second by Councilperson Young to approved payment.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Burns	<u>Y</u>

Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion carries.

- K. a. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 546 Amending the Accessory Buildings and uses Section of the official Zoning ordinance.

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson Burns to amend Ordinance 545 in the official Zoning ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carries.

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of ordinance 547 Amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance of McKenzie, Tennessee by amending the Minimum Lot Area Requirement for R-1 (Low Density Residential) Districts.

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Burns, second by Councilperson Batton to approve Ordinance 546 amending the text concerning the minimum lot area.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carries.

- L. New Business:
  - a. Discussion/approval of raising the Fire Contract from \$ 85.00 to \$ 100.00 per year.

Chief Tucker informed the council that Mr. Bob Dudley from Greenfield recommended raising the contract to \$ 100.00 to help take care of equipment. Chief Tucker also committed by raising the contract we will change the amount owed by non-contract personnel. This was an increase from \$ 1500.00 to 2500.00. Helps towards the purchase of equipment. Chief Tucker said there were about 1200 households outside the city. Councilperson Burns asked how many didn't have contracts, Chief Tucker said about the same amount as did.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Townes, seconded by Councilperson Young to approve raising the Fire Contract amount to \$ 100.00

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton Y  
Councilperson Burns Y

Vice-Mayor Townes Y  
Councilperson Young Y

Motion carries.

b. Discussion/approval to purchase a Fire truck.

Chief Tucker again spoke to the council regarding the purchase of a new fire truck. The newest truck we have is twenty-two (22) years old. The truck can be purchased through Source Well, a company gives a state price and includes 4 air packs @ \$ 516,000.00. It will be roughly two years before the truck will come in. That time period will give us two years to make deposits from the fire contract income. Chief Tucker said that Mayor Holland had agreed to give \$100,000.00 from ARP Funds, so that we would then get intitled to get a pre-payment discount.

Motion by Vice Mayor Townes, second by Councilperson Young to approve the purchase of new fire truck.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton Y  
Councilperson Burns Y

Councilperson Young Y  
Vice Mayor Townes Y

Motion passes

c. Discussion/action of Employee bonus from ARP funds

Mayor Holland explained that council members had attended a workshop to discuss the appreciation of how she and the council felt about the dedication of our city employees continuing to come to work during the COVID crisis of 2020 – Dec. 2021. Mayor Holland stated that our employees could not stay at home and work, they risked their health by reporting to work on a daily basis. Because of their dedication, those in attendance at the workshop decided after much back-and-forth debate to present the full-time employees with a \$2,000.00

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Young second by Councilperson Burns to approve the \$2,000.00 bonus for full time employees who are still with us in appreciation of their work ethic.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton Y  
Councilperson Burns Y

Councilperson Young Y  
Vice Mayor Townes Y

Motion passes

d. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of ordinance 545 on the 2022/2023 budget.

Mayor Holland asked council members if they had any questions regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of

the budget.

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson Batton to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading the 2022/2023 budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Burns	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

M. Citizens Input:

None

N. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported 24 incidents, 8 for aircraft stand by, 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 3 EMS Assist and various others.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated they were staying busy with leaks, they had experienced a large main break over the weekend, which put the neighborhood with little water pressure.

Police Chief Craig Moates started his service report reported 1,212 calls for service. 517 security checks, 167 vehicle stops, 90 citizens assist, 37 medical, 34 traffic control, 31 suspicious person/vehicle and various other calls.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated they were staying busy with their weekly household pickups and limb / yard debris pickup. He stated they had been busy re-stripping parking lot lines, keeping Phillip's lots mowed and servicing equipment.

Philip Morrisett for the Codes Department stated the fencing for Greg Blackburn's property was almost complete. The fence had been installed, but the mesh was on back order and hopefully would be here soon. He said that he felt like he was making some progress with property cleanup.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated the splash pad was up and running. Nights on Broadway had begun and they were having a little tournament up at the park. He said they were continuing to stay busy mowing and trimming around the city.

O. Council Reports:

None

P. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Burns, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor

Townes to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

Motion carried.

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

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