

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
March 15, 2022

A. Call to Order – Mayor Holland

B. Prayer – Councilperson Young

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilperson Young

D. Roll Call

Mayor Holland - Present
Vice Mayor Townes - Present
Councilperson Batton - Absent
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.

F. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau to approve the February 10, 2022 minutes.

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. Open Public Hearing for Ordinance 542: Amending Zoning Map

Mayor Holland opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Hearing closed.

Open Public Hearing for Ordinance 543: Protect Citizens Against Vicious Dogs

Mayor Holland opened the public hearing. Veronica Giaimo Davis brought pictures to that Council of her dog that was killed by the neighbor’s dog. She said due to the viciousness of the attack, she was seeking therapy.

Nicole Brown spoke next to the council. Her dog had been attacked twice by her neighbors dog. She said she had spoken to him about the lease law with no success, but had created words. Recently there had been shots fired into her home. Vice Mayor Townes confirmed she had spoken to him about the

I. Old Business:

a. Leaf Truck – Discussion on leaf equipment for fall leaf pick-up

Discussion: Mayor Holland informed the council that she was still waiting for prices and specs on equipment. Hopefully will have the info for the April meeting.

b. 2nd reading of Ordinance 542: Amending Zoning Map

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Young, seconded by Councilperson Burns to amend the zoning map as presented in February.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Burns Y
Vice-Mayor Townes Y

Councilperson Pruneau Y
Councilperson Young Y

Motion passes

c. 2nd reading of Ordinance 543: Protect Citizens Against Vicious Dogs

Discussion: No additional discussion was made after the public hearing addressing the council.

Motion by Councilperson Pruneau, seconded by Councilperson Burns to amend the zoning map as presented in February.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Burns Y
Vice-Mayor Townes Y

Councilperson Pruneau Y
Councilperson Young Y

Motion passes

d. 2nd reading of Ordinance 544: Adopt State Statue – Failure to Appear in Court

Discussion: None

Motion by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Councilperson Young to adopt the State Statue.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Burns Y
Vice-Mayor Townes Y

Councilperson Pruneau Y
Councilperson Young Y

Motion passes

J. New Business:

- a. Discussion/approval for emergency purchase of new pump and shafts for water department.

Mayor Holland asked Billy Wood to explain to the council. Billy stated that the well behind the water plant was vibrating badly as it was running. Called Campbell Well Drilling and after they pulled the pump, it was discovered all the bearings in the pump were completely worn out. They chose to take Option 1 for the repairs as it was the quickest option because in the meantime the big well was beginning to go down.

Motion by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the Emergency purchase.

Motion carries

- b. Discussion/approval of purchasing upgrade of new red\light connect box.

Mayor Holland stated there had been a lot of trouble lately with the red lights and asked Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer to explain to the council about the red-light box. He stated that the box had been manufactured in 1985 and that both the box and contents have to be replaced. The wires are so bad that when there is an issue it puts the light into caution mode. Mayor Holland said we were probably in the neighborhood cost of \$30,000.00 asked council to accept the lowest bid when the vendors sent their bids in at the end of the week.

Motion by Councilperson Young, seconded by Vice\Mayor Townes to accept the lowest bid.

Motion carries

- c. Discussion/approval of Water/Wastewater Policies:

Mayor Holland explained this new policy will be given to our water customers to clarify what they pay. The changes came partially from our old policy done in 1996, TAUD recommendations and after speaking with other utility services in towns near us.

Motion by Councilperson Burns, seconded by Councilperson Young to accept the lowest bid.

Motion carries

- d. Discussion/approval of Leasing Contract between the City and Enterprise.

Mayor Holland said the council members and department heads have met with Enterprise several times. Mayor then asked the council to approve the lease based on if based on if each department wanted to participate, what vehicles they wanted to replace and if their budget could accommodate the lease. The program would depend on their budget and the first phase of moving the oldest vehicles first. Councilman Pruneau asked who would make the decision and was told the Mayor would have final approval.

Motion by Councilperson Young, seconded by Councilperson Burns to accept the lowest bid.

Motion carries.

e Discussion/approval of purchasing splash pad fence

Mayor Holland said there had been several instances when children had run put into Waldren Street. She said new fence would likely be \$ 9,000 - \$10,000.00. She asked Billy Hollowell, the Parks & Recreation Director to give more detail on where the fencing would be. He stated the proposed area would be on the Waldren St side from the Farmers Market to the wooden bridge. A gate would be at the bridge and the fence would continue up to the caboose. The fence would be about 4' tall and be a black aluminum fence similar to the fence facing the Stonewall Street side.

Motion by Councilperson Young, seconded by Councilperson Burns to accept the lowest bid.

Motion carries

K. Citizens Input: none

L. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported it had been a slow month with 17 incidents, most of which had been aircraft stand byes. They had had 3 commercial alarms,2 rescues and 2 EMS assist.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated he had mentioned their problems with the well and other than that, his department was doing their regular job of taking care of the city's water and fixing leaks.

Police Chief Craig Moates reported 1,082 calls for service. 616 security checks, 69 vehicle stops, 55 citizen assist and various other calls. He let the council know that Assistant Chief Ricky Sawyers would be retiring at the end of the month. The department was planning a get together for him.

Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated his team was getting ready to finish leaf season, getting ready for mowing season to start, been busy clearing some residential ditches and continuing to service the equipment.

Philip Morrisett for the Codes Department stated he had been busy writing letters on various Code violations.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated ball season with the schools had already started. The Exterior of the press box would be finished more than likely this week. He thanked the Fire Department for helping with this project. He stated there were two trees that would be removed

in Veterans Park within the next couple of weeks.

K. Council Reports:

There were no council reports. Mayor Holland informed everyone she had been to the Legislative Conference and had met with Senator Stevens and Representative Darby. She wanted to thank the members of the council who had called the Legislative members asking that the 75 million that currently goes into the State general fund be sent to the cities. She spoke about the Blue Oval project and that Joe Baker from Southwest be the West Tennessee liaison. He has been heavily involved in economic development and will tell us what is needed. Only about 1/3 of what will be done in the plant is assembly, They will badly need industries who can make the parts. She invited the council to attend Rotary on April 5 at noon in Bethels Vera Low for a box lunch to learn more about the Blue Oval.

- 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