

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

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilperson Pruneau
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilperson Pruneau
- D. Roll Call
  - Mayor Holland - Present
  - Councilperson Batton - Absent
  - Councilperson Burns – Present
  - Councilperson Martin – Present
  - Councilperson Pruneau - Present
  - Vice Mayor Townes – 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 Martin, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated August 12, 2021.

Motion passes
- G. Financial Matters:

No financial matters were presented.
- H. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion/approval for Duane Patrick’s Eagle Scout Project at the city park.

Mr. Patrick gave a handout to each of the council members to detailing the dimensions of Gaga Pits and the types of material that that can be used to construct the pit. The rules of the game was also explained. Councilperson Martin asked who would be paying for the material to construct the pit, Patrick responded that he planned to partner with Lowe’s in Paris and their Eagle Scout Project Grant. He said any other materials not covered would be with local businesses that had already committed to help. Councilperson Young asked where it would be constructed. Mr. Patrick’s response was where ever it was approved in the city park. Councilperson Burns asked

if the landscape fabric would hamper play due to the seams. Mr. Patrick responded he did not think so, and the landscape fabric was the most economical. He stated that he planned on constructing the 20' diameter pit and hoped to have it completed by November 2021, but he had until his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in April 2022.

Mayor Holland said she felt that anytime we could enhance activities for our citizens at the park it was good. She said that our Interim Park Director Jeremy Allen would be consulted as to the best location for the Gaga pit it approved.

Motion by: Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes.

Motion carries

b. Discuss/approve bids for speed calming devices.

Chief Moates stated there were several vendors with speed calming devices. Options included solar powered or battery powered, one that could be hang on post or to do what we had in the past by using a trailer to transport to various critical areas. Public Works Director said he felt the trailer would be a better choice, as the solar powered device weighed around 70 lbs. and would be difficult to mount standing on a ladder. The trailer option would have to be chained and locked to a pole. Chief Moates stated there were several "add ons" that could be purchased separately in order to get the attention of the motorist. It was suggested that two on Stonewall in the school zone be permanently attached, and a third sign be mobile.

Motion made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Burns to start by purchasing a mobile device with various add ons with a cost not to exceed \$ 4500.00.

Roll call vote:

Councilperson Burns	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Martin	Y	Councilperson Young	Y
Councilperson Pruneau	Y		

Motion carries.

c. Update on negotiations between the city & Priority Ambulance Service.

Mayor Holland nor Fire Chief Tucker had still not had any communication from Priority. Fire Chief Tucker responded that he still had some EMS assistance.

d. Update on ordinance concerning Motel/Hotel occupancy.

Mayor Holland informed the council that our attorney Laura Keeton was still working on the Ordinance. The hope that we could stop individuals from moving back in after 29 days. Ms. Keeton stated we were in uncharted waters it seemed, as everyone she had contacted had no real answers. Chief Moates said that he was in weekly contact with Mr. Patel, and felt he was trying to do the right thing. He now has a "No Rent" list and won't rent again to someone if they have been there for 28 days.

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/approval to Adopt TCA 39-17-1363 for Possession of a “potential vicious dog” ordinance.

She stated the state ordinance really only applied to violent felons owning a vicious dog. Councilperson Pruneau questioned if we needed anything more than our lease law. Ms. Keeton said no because any dog can be “potentially vicious” once it meets the definition. This ordinance is at state level and that is really where it should stay. Ms. Keeton said there was really no reason to adopt this and she recommended that we did not.

No motion was made to adopt TCA 39-17-1363.

J. Citizens Input: None

K. Department Head Reports:

Interim Parks Director Jeremy Allen said they were trying to stay ahead of the grass, mowing every day. There were just two of them now that the summer worker had gone back to school. Soccer would be starting the weekend of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Johnny Mercer with Public Works reported they were still mowing right of ways. They had begun trimming trees around the elementary school for easier navigation and visibility of vehicles and buses. They continued to stay busy with brush and household pickup.

Philip Morrisett for the Codes Department started there had been 2-3 houses on the condemnation list that had been torn down, but there were plenty more to go.

Assistant Water Supervisor Earnest Umstead stated he had been released to come back to work on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated the water department was still shorthanded and still behind.

Chief Moates stated the police department was still operating short staffed as well. They had had experience sickness in the department and one of the dispatchers had lost her 21-year-old son from Covid, and another dispatcher had also contacted Covid. His report for the month of August had a total of 1419 calls. They had 742 calls for security check- Home/Business/Parks, 124 vehicle stops, 78 investigations 10-43, 74 Citizens Assist, 51 medical assist and various other calls.

Assistant Fire Chief Tucker reported they were getting ready to paint the firehouse floor before the weather changed. They had purchased some epoxy coating that hopefully would stay on several years before having to be repainted. The department was busy with 34 calls this month. They had 10 commercial alarms, 7 EMS assist and 7 motor vehicle accidents and several additional incident calls. He stated the department appreciated all the prayers and thoughts during the loss of one of the volunteer firefighters Drake Pate,

L. Council Reports:

Mayor Holland informed the council that Greenfield would be having a training on October

14<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 pm if anyone could go. She said that council members could possibly do an internet class for their credits as well.

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

Motion carried.

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

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