

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
January 10, 2018

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Young
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Young
- D. Roll Call
 - Mayor Holland - Present
 - Vice Mayor Callahan - Present
 - Councilperson Martin - Absent
 - Councilperson Pruneau - Present
 - Councilperson Townes – Present
 - Councilperson Winston- 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 Young, seconded by Councilperson Winston, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated December 13, 2018.
- G. Financial Matters

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Callahan, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau to pay the presented bills. Motion passes
- H. Old Business:

None
- I. New Business:
 - 1. Approve letter of intent for new city library

Discussion: Brent Bradberry was spokesman for the library group. He explained that the Letter of Intent asked that the City of McKenzie deed the parking lot where Broadway ends on the north end be deeded to the McKenzie Public Library Enrichment Foundation, a Tennessee non-profit corporation contingent on that the foundation present a satisfactory

comprehensive plan to obtain funding within the next two years for construction of a public library. The letter also contains a good faith agreement to extend the terms on a year to year basis as deemed appropriate by both parties.

Mayor Holland told the council that our city attorney had looked over the letter as well and had approved the language contained within the Letter of Intent.

Action Taken: Councilperson Winston made the motion to approve the Letter of Intent. Second was made by Councilperson Townes.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

2. Confirmation of Letha Basford to the McKenzie Industrial Development Board.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Councilperson Pruneau made the motion to approve Ms. Basford, with a second from Councilperson Callahan.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

3. Confirmation of Dennis Coleman to the McKenzie Housing Authority.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Councilperson Winston made the motion to approve Mr. Coleman, with a second from Councilperson Townes.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

4. Discussion/approval of maintenance-repair-gas & administrative fee to increase on solid waste.

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that it had been several years since there had been an increase with solid waste. She stated that the equipment was very old and was always needing repairs. This past summer we had spent close to \$ 9,000.00 on repairs for our tractor & bush hog. A new tractor would probably run closed to \$125,00.00 and it is hard to purchase a used tractor that is not already worn out. She said that suggesting a \$ 3.00 increase to solid waste would help with purchasing and/or repairing equipment and paving cost. The current charge to citizens now is \$ 17.50. She also stated that we had incurred a lot of expense with property cleanup which was also under solid waste.

Councilperson Pruneau asked if the new increase went to Republic Services or if it stayed in the city's coffers. Mayor Holland said that solid waste was separate with its own revenue and expenses. Councilperson Pruneau asked what was spent on paving this past year in excess of the \$ 340,000.00 just spent on University, Magnolia, Forest and Cherry. Public Works Director

Mercer did not have an exact figure, as there had not been much in the budget for paving. He had mostly just patched the various issues as they arose.

Councilperson Pruneau asked if there were any leasing programs available for lease of heavy equipment. Public Works Director responded there were a few, but a lot of the time you spent close to \$ 100,000.00 on the lease. Councilperson Pruneau stated that maybe we need to use the destruction of our streets as a bargaining chip when negotiating the Republic fee. Their last increase was based on the high cost of fuel, which is now lower. They make money on the City, but they cost the City money as well.

Action Taken: Vice-Mayor Callahan made the motion to approve the increase, with a second from Councilperson Pruneau.

Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

J. Any Other Business:

Mayor Holland asked the council if they wanted to change the meeting date in February, as the normal date would be February 14. After consulting of calendars, the group decided that Monday, February 11 would be a satisfactory date for all to attend.

K. Citizens Input: None

L. Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer reported they are continuing with household and brush pickup. Last week, they had removed all the Christmas decorations from the 4-land and the poles in the downtown. This week they had replaced a large culvert on Elwood that had completely rusted through.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley stated all Christmas decorations had been taken down and packed up. The fence had the dog park was now up and looked very nice. The Water dept had installed water lines to the dog park. They had been busy cleaning up about 20 years' worth of broken tools and equipment from the storage shed. This past Monday, ball practice had begun at the park.

Codes Enforcer Philip Morrissett was absent.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood reported that the daily routine of fixing leaks was on going. He stated that the CDBG grant had been finalized. Rod Goad had been working on the next CDBG grant through Rural Development but all was on hold due to the Federal Government shut down.

Police Chief Craig Moates stated the Police Department had a total of 1034 calls for the month of December, which was down 18.71% from the previous month. 427 security checks – home / business / parks, 214 vehicles stops, 109 investigations 10-43, traffic control 34, assisting other

agencies – 22, accident/crash – 21, citizen assist 20, alarm-animal control/complaint -18, alarm-burglar / panic / fire 11, assault – 7 and a wide variety of other service calls. Chief Moates also mentioned they are one man down. They just had two complete the academy, and two others needed to complete the FTO Academy.

When asked about his vehicles, he said he had replaced several, still had a few older ones on the road, but were trying to keep them viable.

Fire Chief Tucker gave a synopsis for the entire 12-month period. They had a total of 323 incidents. 81 of those involved commercial alarms, 73 motor vehicle accident, 51 aircraft stand by, 23 smoke investigations, 13 fire, 12 public service, 12 chemical spill/leaks and various other incidents. Chief Tucker stated they were now having their annual service work on the trucks being done by Crestview Motors in Gleason. He also informed the group that they had begun a new project this week. They had constructed a gear drying rack at a cost of approximately \$ 550.00 vs. commercial cost of \$ 9000.00. They have found that there are carcinogenics in the gear from the smoke. They have installed a washer in the fire house, but due to the fabrics of the gear, they cannot be put in a dryer, hence the drying racks.

M. Council Reports:

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, seconded by Councilperson Townes to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk