

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
July 9, 2020

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Martin
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Martin
- D. Roll Call
 - Mayor Holland - Present
 - Councilperson Martin - Present
 - Councilperson Pruneau – Present
 - Councilperson Riley - Present
 - Vice Mayor 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. Presentation by Mr. Bob Safin from TLM on the 20/21 Multi-Modal Grant

Mr. Safin said we did not receive the grant last year, so we met with TDOT to receive some pointers on how to give our application more points. We have applied three (3) times. We were awarded the Cedar Street grant which is in the design phase and currently awaiting TDOT Right-of-Way clearance to bid. Last year we were told we scored well, but not enough, as this grant is highly competitive due to the 95/5 grant. 95% is reimbursement. The Letter of Intent is due July 31st. Matthew Rushing who runs the multi-modal department said we had scored well, but needed better connectivity. Last year we had sidewalks on both sides, but he advised to run the sidewalk down Highland down to Forrest Ave. A map was pulled up to show the intended project. The red lines on the left of the page is the multi-modal have already been awarded. The yellow lines are proposed sidewalks along Highland Ave., the blue lines are the proposed bike lanes. Bike lanes are on both sides, as they are to travel with traffic flow. They like to show multi modes of transportation. This is the project we will be presenting. They will have 5’ wide sidewalks with curb and gutter. Because of the speed limit, TDOT requires a 4.5’ foot grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk. In front of the lumber shed, driveways are defined so pedestrians don’t have to cross large expanses. On the deep gulley, we are now looking at just doing at options. Sidewalks, curb & gutter & safety rail along the big gulley. Possibly a retaining wall. Potentially you could do a pedestrian bridge or boardwalk.

Councilperson Pruneau asked about the short length of the bike route. Mr. Safin responded that with this grant that would be as far as we could go. Councilperson Pruneau asked if there would be signage and was assured there would be. The maximum amount for the grant is one million dollars. We are at \$ 997,500.00 with our portion being \$ 49,875.00. Mayor Holland injected that our share would be over a period of years, as these projects take a while from start to finish. Mr. Safin said it would probably be June 2021 before we would know if we had been awarded.

G. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated June 11, 2020. Motion carries

H. Financial Matters

The following items were presented for payment.

Parks & Recreation LPRF Grant: \$ 75,155.00 Motion made by Councilperson Winston, 2nd by Councilperson Pruneau

Public Works: \$ 75,849.65 McKeel Equipment for backhoe/loader. Motion made by Councilperson Martin, 2nd by Councilperson Riley

Water Dept.: \$ 2,940.00 to Jones Sales for supplies. Motion made by Councilperson Young, 2nd by Councilperson Townsend.

All motions passed.

I Mayor Holland opened the public hearing for the 2nd reading of the 2020/2021 budget – Ordinance 534. There were no comments. Hearing was closed.

J. Old Business

1. 2nd reading of Ordinance 534 - 2020/2021 budget.

Discussion: Mayor Holland reminded the council, that this policy change had been approved last month and there had been no changes.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, second by Councilperson Martin to approve the policy change.

Roll call vote: Councilperson Martin – Y	Councilperson Pruneau – Y
Vice Mayor Townes - Y	Councilperson Winston – Y
Councilperson Young – Y	

K. New Business:

1. Discuss/Approve commitment to provide matching funds for Tennessee Tourism Enhancement Grant for 2020 if awarded.

Discussion: Mayor Holland commented that as a Tier 4, if awarded we would only pay

5%. This grant is a \$ 75,00.00 grant, so our portion would be \$ 3,750.00. She explained that this grant would be used to re-do the electrical throughout the park, also enlarging the gazebo so that we can have larger performances and bands. In addition due to the electricity, we could have additional vendors and booths, which would help to increase the size of our festivals and increase tourism in our town. She did add that the gazebo would go along with our historical guidelines. She stated that we would have our match from our tourism budget. Mayor Holland explained that because tourism is so vital to our economy, we have to try to promote it as much as possible by bringing tourists into our town. She stated if we did not have a vibrant tourism base, that it would cost our citizens an extra \$ 173.00 in property taxes.

Vote recorded as: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

2. Discussion/Approval for Resolution # 20-001 to approve applying for the 2020/2021 Multi-Modal grant.

Mayor Holland stated this is so we can apply for the grant that Bob Safin talked about earlier in the meeting.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Riley, second by Vice Mayor Townes to approve Resolution 20-001.

Vote recorded as: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

3. Discussion/Approval of loan refinancing:

Mayor Holland reminded the council that we were looking at refinancing since rates are so low. After talking with Brian, it seems the best rate we can get is through the TML Bond fund. By refinancing two (2) of our notes, we will potentially save \$ 27,000.00 in interest.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Martin, second by Councilperson Winston to refinance the two notes.

Vote recorded as: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

4. Discussion/Approval of purchase of a dump truck for Public Works.

Mayor Holland asked Public Works Director Mercer to address the council concerning this purchase. He explained that the dump truck he had in question required the replacement of a new engine at a cost of almost \$ 10,000.00. It is probable that once the engine is replaced, then it will need a new transmission and then cause the rear end to be replaced. The truck in question is 21 years old. If able to purchase a new truck, the truck in question could be used for spare parts for the other dump truck that is 23 years old. Mayor Holland informed the council that the money for this purchase could be paid for from the Solid Waste fee that is collected monthly for equipment and street repair. We could advance the money from our "rainy day" fund and Public Works

could repay it back on a monthly basis. Councilperson Pruneau asked Public Works Director Mercer if that would cause him a hardship paying the entire monthly fee. Mr. Mercer answered it would not.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Riley, second by Councilperson Winston to take bids for a new dump truck.

Vote recorded as: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

5. Discuss/Approve purchase of dump truck/trailer & excavator from surplus grant monies.

Mayor Holland asked Water Superintendent Wood to speak about the purchase. She said this is money that would go back to the state if not spent.

Water Superintendent Wood stated that all the money had not been used from the sewer grant, Our money is spent first, the loan second, and the grant last. He had been advised that he would be able to purchase any needed equipment with this access. Superintendent Wood stated that there were a lot of places especially in Richardson Subdivision that this would be very beneficial to them. The excavator they are looking at is a mini-excavator and would be able to maneuver easily in these yards. Trucks normally would not be considered, but because this is a dump truck it would be approved. Councilperson Winston asked who had the low bid and it was stated that Pepper's was \$ 400.00 more than a dealer in Illinois, so the cost of travel would probably eat the difference. Councilperson Winston stated he liked being able to trade locally.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Riley, second by Councilperson Winston to take bids for a new dump truck.

Vote recorded as: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

J. Any Other Business:

K. Citizens Input: None

L. Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Craig Moates gave the report for the month of June stating there had been a total of 2096. 1315 for security check-home, business & parks, 248 vehicle stops, 183 investigations 10-43, 31 firework calls, 30 for both citizens assist and assist other agencies, and various additional calls.

Fire Chief Tucker reported that in the month of June they had responded to 102 incidents. 27 of these were for motor vehicle accidents, 22 were commercial alarms, 13 pertained to smoke investigations and the remainder were various other incidents.

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer stated they had started going in at 6 am due to the heat. They were staying busy mowing some lots that Codes Enforcer Morrissett had given them

information about. Mowing right of ways. Councilperson Martin asked about a lot on the corner of May & Maple. Public Works Director Mercer stated that they were working on it.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley said his crew was staying busy with ballgames 4 nights a week. 3-4 per night. Did a lot of additional work over at Mulberry for a community gathering that was very successful. Mowing & weed eating is still an everyday job. Mayor Holland spoke about the July 4th fireworks and what a great job the staff had done. The crowd was not as large due to no food vendors, but she stated the public did a great time social distancing.

Codes Enforcer Morrissett stated he was still busy with letters for yard maintenance. There had been several inspections on properties in town, and Codes Inspector Ricky Watkins would be addressing the findings in a letter to the property owners. Mayor Holland said if you see any property that needs attention, please let us know. Call, email or text us.

Water Superintendent Wood stated his crew stated business as usual. Fixing leaks and unstopping sewers.

M. Council Reports: There were none

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young seconded by Councilperson Martin to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk