

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
April 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. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Councilperson Riley, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau, to approve the minutes dated March 12, 2020
- G. Financial Matters

None presented
- H. Old Business

There was none
- I. New Business:
 - 1. Discuss/Approve Cell Tower Lease

Mayor Holland reminded the council that back in October, we had asked Brian Maturo with Cellular Lease Services to solicit bids in order to get the best possible offer on the Como St. tower. Mr. Maturo has narrowed it down to the three (3) highest bidders asking for their best & final offer. Mr. Maturo explained to the council the buyer would pay a one-time lump sum to the City in exchange for the future lease payments.

The City would not be selling any land, just granting the buyer a 99-year revenue stream for the area that is currently under easement to American Tower. If the tower ceases to be used or is abandoned, the buyer will remove it from the park and terminate the easement. The gross offer is \$279,000.00 for tower rights over 99 years. Cellular lease Consultants (CLC) will receive 8% of the total sale proceeds (4% from the buyer and 4% from the seller), making our net \$ 257,280.00. Mayor Holland stated it would be nice to set this money aside for a rainy day fund.

Action Taken: Councilperson Young made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement and to proceed with the sale. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Winston.

Roll call vote: 6-Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

2. Discuss/Approval of Declaration of Emergency (within State)

Mayor Holland stated she had not planned to do a Declaration of Emergency, but changed her mind after M-Task suggested we go ahead and approve it as it could possibly come in handy if FEMA asked for it regarding reimbursements. Mayor Holland alluded to the fact that COVID-19 can lead to serious illness or death, particularly in the case of older adults and persons with serious chronic medical conditions. With the Declaration of Emergency, the City will be following CDC guidance as it relates to COVID-19 and shall adhere to the provisions included in Executive Orders No. 17, 21, and 22 attached hereto, issued by Governor Bill Lee and pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. 58-2-110 and Tenn., Code Ann. 58-8-104.

Action Taken: Councilperson Riley made a motion to approve the State Declaration of Emergency, with a second by Councilperson Pruneau.

Roll call vote: 6-Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent. Motion passes.

J. Any Other Business: None

K. Citizens Input: None

L. Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Craig Moates reported his department had received the 3 vehicles from Missouri and was in the process of having them be outfitted. He gave the report for the month of March stating there had been a total of 1758. 1028 for security check-home, business & parks, 259 vehicle stops, 152 investigations 10-43, 50 medical assist, 32 traffic control, 32 for both citizens assist, and various additional calls.

Fire Chief Tucker reported that in the month of March they had responded to 12 incidents. 4 of these were motor vehicle accidents. He also stated that the commercial alarm incidents had drastically been reduced.

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer said they were really busy with household and brush clean up with people being off from work. They are in the process of mowing the right of ways as well and servicing equipment.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley said his department was staying busy mowing. They were still trying to spike and drag the fields about 3 times weekly so they would be ready if ball season resumed in the near future. He was happy to say that they had received delivery of their work truck from Missouri and tags had been received today.

Codes Enforcer Morrissett reported one of the houses had been demolished and work had begun on the other one that we had taken bids for back in the early spring. He said hopefully a lot of yard work would be done after the long week-end.

Water Superintendent Wood stated the sewer rehab was still continuing. Otherwise it was business as usual.

M. Council Reports: None

Mayor Holland informed the council that we had ordered mask and purchased infrared thermometers for each department within the city. Temperatures are being taken each morning. We have purchased sanitizer from a distillery in Trimble, and employees are urged to wear mask when riding in the vehicle with another employee. Jeremy Allen, the employee who was diagnosed with COVID-19 has now tested negative on the 1st test and is now waiting for the 2nd test to be confirmed before coming back to work. Mayor Holland stated that she had asked department heads to cut 30% from their budgets, hoping that it would carry us through any loss of sales tax revenue. She stated the goal was not to lay off any employees. If the economy rebounds, then we can certainly amend the budget. She told the council that she would keep them updated as we got additional info from the governor's office.

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Martin seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk