

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
March 12, 2020

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Winston
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Winston
- 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 Councilman Young, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated February 13, 2020
- G. Financial Matters
None presented
- H. Old Business

Discussion regarding 911 equipment

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that the council had tasked the Fire & Police Departments to work on this situation. Police Chief Moates began with saying that adding to the antenna on the digital side would be the best outreach for us. The cost of the antenna, 2 repeaters, combiner microwave system that shoots to Hico, cables and installation under state contract would run \$ 47,864.00. He said there was still no guarantee the antenna system would work. He stated the Police Department had gone back to analog and were having better results with communication. They had purchased new batteries to maintain their twenty portables. He stated that analog had never not worked, they were just going along with progress. Chief Moates stated that the dispatch console was very antiquated and would definitely need to be

replaced very soon. Fire Chief Tucker said he was not saying analog was bad, but his only concern was that both Carroll & Henry were digital. Weakley was going that way in the future. His biggest concern was what if they turn off the gateway- we would then be isolated. Currently we are maintaining two systems; analog and digital. He said he needed 35 portables and 35 pagers at a cost of between \$ 600.00-800.00 each. He mentioned that the county had filed for up to 20 sites, we are currently at 6. Chief Moates stated that FCC has not abandon analog at this time, but the county is actually not compatible with the State system as they are digital trunk and the State is digital. Chief Tucker was in agreement that the dispatch console was a necessity. Mayor Holland said maybe we could start with a new dispatch console that is for both fire and police. She said if the county could make sure the spots are working and the system at Hico would quit failing, maybe couple of years down the road we could switch over. Chief Moates said the level of connection is better at this time with analog than with the digital. Mayor Holland asked the council to entertain a motion to make a RFP for a console.

Action Taken: Councilperson Winston made the motion to do a RFP (Request for Proposal) for a dispatch console. 2nd made by Councilperson Pruneau.

Councilperson Pruneau then asked if there was anyone we could bring in to advise us besides someone that wasn't selling. Mayor Holland then advised she would try to arrange to have someone from the State to come in and talk.

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

I. New Business:

1. Discuss/Approve request for 3 police vehicles

Discussion: Police Chief Moates asked the council to consider giving authority to purchase 3 vehicles when they come up for bid. He explained what happens is that by the time they get approval for the purchase, the vehicle had already been sold. If they had approval to purchase beforehand, then they could purchase when a vehicle comes up. The funds would be paid for through the Drug Fund. These vehicles are 2017-2018 year model vehicles and range in cost of \$ 20,000.00 – 26,000.00. they are staying away from the Dodge Chargers because of the motors.

Action Taken: Councilperson Pruneau made a motion to give approval to purchase up to 3 vehicles for the Police Department in the monetary range of \$20,000.00 -26,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Riley.

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

J. Any Other Business: None

K. Citizens Input: None

L. Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer said brush and household pick up was in full swing. They were trying to get some trees trimmed up between showers. They were in the process of getting the mowing equipment serviced. Leaf pickup had really slowed down.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley said they were busy working on ball fields. The jamboree is scheduled to be the last week of the month. He stated he had Jones Electric out to the park checking the lights. He stated that they were happy to say that there had been donations from several business including Tosh Farms, Beta Sigma Phi, Maddox Insurance and Carroll Bank & Trust for the purchase of a new scoreboard on the multi-purpose field. He said all the lighting in the park had been upgraded and the security lights were working.

Codes Enforcer Morrissett said he was continuing to work on the demolitions.

Water Superintendent Wood stated the meter change was complete. Sewer rehab was still continuing.

Police Chief Craig Moates reported there was a total of 1815 calls for February 2020. 996 for security check-home, business & parks, 344 vehicle stops, 148 investigations 10-43, 58 traffic control, 40 medical assist, 21 for both citizens assist – radar & assist other agencies, and various additional calls.

Fire Chief Tucker reported that in the month of February they had responded to 15 incidents. 7 of these were motor vehicle accidents. He also stated that the commercial alarm incidents had drastically been reduced.

M. Council Reports: None

Mayor Holland reminded the council about the Cancer Bake Sale coming up in April. She also informed the council that the Governor had declared Tennessee as a State of Emergency. She said that visitors would not be coming to the capitol. She said they would probably be settling on the budget very soon as to get out as early as possible.

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Riley seconded by Councilman Townes to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk