

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
May 14, 2020

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilman Townes
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilman Townes
- D. Roll Call
  - Mayor Holland - Present
  - Councilperson Martin - Present
  - Councilperson Pruneau – Absent
  - 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 Martin, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated April 9, 2020
- G. Financial Matters

Water presented bill to PRI (Pavement Restoration Inc) for water cut paving @ \$ 32,506.00  
Motion by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson Martin.  
Public Works presented bill to D & D Service for a new engine in the amount of \$ 2,947.00 for Johnny Mercer's pickup. Motion made by Councilperson Winston, second by Councilperson Riley. Both motions passed unanimously.
- H. Old Business

There was none
- I. New Business:
  - 1. Discuss/Approve Ordinance # 531 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading for personnel policy changes

Mayor Holland asked the council if they had received the information in their packets. This ordinance amends section VII-separations and disciplinary actions; A. Types of Separations & 2. Layoffs. The order of layoff shall be in reverse order to total continuous time served upon the date established for the layoff to become effected would be deleted and replaced with (2) The department head, upon approval from the mayor, may lay off an employee in the municipal government service when he/she deems it necessary by reason of shortage of funds, the abolition of a position, or other material changes in the duties or organization of the employee's position, or for related reasons that are outside the employer's control and that do not reflect discredit upon the employee's service. Temporary employees shall be laid off before probationary or regular employees.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Riley, second by Councilperson Martin to approve Ordinance 531.

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

Vote recorded as: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. Motion passes.

#### J. Any Other Business:

Mayor Holland informed the council she would give a couple of reports. The first report was from the Governor's Task Force. She stated that they had don't expect the economy to snap back, it will probably be slow. The pandemic has created a 39% negative growth rate, the lowest since the Great Depression. Sales that were down the most have been in the areas of furniture sales, car sales, eating out and liquor by the drink. Sales that had seen an increase are grocery stores, liquor stores and on-line sales. The State is replenishing the Unemployment Trust Fund, as they do not want it to drop below One billion dollars, otherwise businesses would have to pay in and the State wants to avoid that all cost. She stated that 80% of the Federal Government business loans in Tennessee have been received by small businesses. We will present the budget for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the June meeting. There will be cuts as we were expecting. The financial reports are in your box every month detailing each item that is spent in each department. Department heads have been advised to not spent any money in hopes that we will end the year with a balanced budget. If there are questions, please contact Jennifer. If the council would like, we could do a workshop. Mayor Holland also mentioned that with all the close contact businesses that were inspected last week by the 15 inspectors, about 11% have not complied. These were mostly in the category of beauty, barber, massage & tattoo shops. The Health Department can come in and there could be a misdemeanor if they don't comply. If there is a law suit, for instance no one was wearing a mask, the insurance company could drop you and would not pay. Goal of the State is to open as quickly and safely as possible. Questions regarding parks, we were advised that they are considered close contact recreation and unless it could be strictly supervised, we were advised not to open. They are still working through all this with different venues opening weekly. Carroll County numbers are going up and if they see a county is going up, they could possibly shut up down again, which we do

not want to be shut down again. We will be having another meeting with Trane on June 3 trying to make sure everything is going as planned.

K. Citizens Input: None

L. Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Craig Moates gave the report for the month of April stating there had been a total of 1645. 1186 for security check-home, business & parks, 145 investigations 10-43, 88 vehicle stops, 44 medical assist, 19 citizens assist, and various additional calls.

Fire Chief Tucker reported that in the month of April they had responded to 17 incidents. Early part of the month they got out during the storm and tried to help out Public Works out with tree cutting. 6 of these were commercial alarms, 4 pertained to smoke investigations and the remainder were various other incidents.

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer stated after the two storms, they had been swamped with brush pickup. He said for everyone to just bear with them, as it was going to take a couple of months to get everything picked up. They were also trying to keep equipment serviced.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley said his crew was staying busy with mowing and weed-eating the parks. Worked on several flower beds around town and in the park. The park had lots of limbs down especially at the Como St. site as well as several trees.

Codes Enforcer Morrisett was not in attendance.

Water Superintendent Wood stated one of the lift stations had gone down. He said he was appreciative of the help from Public Works Dept and Carroll County Electric. Otherwise it was business as usual.

M. Council Reports: None

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Martin seconded by Councilperson Young to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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

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