

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
May 9, 2019

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Vice Mayor Callahan
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Vice Mayor Callahan
- D. Roll Call
 - Mayor Holland - Present
 - Vice Mayor Callahan - Present
 - Councilperson Martin - Present
 - 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 Martin, to approve the called meeting minutes dated April 11, 2019
- G. Financial Matters

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

Discussion: Mayor Holland informed the board that there would be a called meeting on May 20 to open bids. A committee of Councilperson Martin, Councilperson Townes, Councilperson Winston and Public Works Director Mercer will meet and the bid will be awarded May 23.

Action Taken: No further action required, as this had been discussed at the April 11 meeting.

I New Business:

1. Discussion/approval of Resolution 19-006 to request bids for the Sanitary Sewer and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Motion made by Councilperson Young to approve Resolution 19-006, with a second by councilperson Martin.

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

2 Discussion/Approval for Parks & Recreation Ordinance 527

Discussion: Mayor Holland explained that this would just reinforce the rules that were already in place. Just puts “teeth” in the rules which could now result in a fine. She asked Parks Director Beasley to explain more of what was happening. He stated about a recent incident while a younger boy had been dropped off while his brother was practicing. The child kept approaching a dog that was roaming around the park. The child kept trying to pet the dog. The dog did not harm the child, but would put open its mouth. The dog catcher was called and when he tried to pick the dog up, the child came up again trying to touch the dog and the dog turned on the dog catcher. He could have very easily done this to the child. Mr. Beasley also talked about how the signs were disregarded in the park; no dogs allowed and no smoking within 100’ of the ballfields. Councilperson Young inquired as to if guns were allowed in the park. Vice Mayor Callahan said there was a glove compartment rule about guns. City Attorney stated the statue made a difference in its meaning between school and public events. She stated State Law would mandate. Councilperson Winston inquired to what the fine would be. Mayor Holland said the most we could fine in city court was \$ 50.00. If the police had to escort someone from the park, a citation could be issued. It was mentioned that the police do drive through about once an hour at this time.

Action Taken: Councilperson Winston made the motion to approve Ordinance 527, with a second from Councilperson Martin.

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

3 Discussion/Approval for donation to Bethel University 1842 Society.

Discussion: Mayor Holland told the council that since we were working on the budget and we include a list of groups that we donate to. She would like the council to entertain a motion to add the 1842 society to the list. She asked Brian Page from Bethel to talk more about the fundraiser. He explained that Bethel had been hit very hard with lawyer fees, approximately seven (7) million dollars to have their credentials reinstated. They had won the case, and the State has agreed to return five (5) million back to the school. They would use this money to go back into the general fund for scholarships, or perhaps even to keep the lights on.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Young to donate to the fund for the amount of 221.04 per year (18.42 monthly), a second was done by Vice Mayor Callahan.

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

4. Proposal/Approval for 1 Week Advance Notification of Citizens Input.

Discussion: Mayor Holland suggested that citizens give a week's advance notification for any issues they would want to address at a council meeting. She felt by doing this, the department head would have time to check out the issue and be able to give an informed report to the citizen and council. She said many times, the department head was not aware of the issue being brought up until this time. Councilperson Pruneau stated he could not remember very many times when this had been an issue. Mayor Holland stated that police, fire and water had all had some items that took some research. Councilperson Pruneau commented he felt that citizens deserved an open forum and that we should not make them wait to address an issue. Mayor Holland suggested maybe look at a 2-3 day notice then. Mayor Holland asked Councilperson Winston what they did at county commission meetings. He stated that the people signed in when they arrived. Councilperson Young asked what if they just wanted to make a comment? Mayor Holland said most of the time a comment was concerning an issue.

Vice Mayor Callahan then suggested the issue be tabled to June.

Action Taken: Vice Mayor Callahan made a motion to table this issue to the June meeting, Councilperson Pruneau made the second.

Roll call vote: 6 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 reported they are continuing with household and brush pick up. Robyn has started mowing right-of-ways. They have also been busy with mowing and taking care of abandoned lots for the Codes Department.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley reported that within the next week or so the dog park should be open; they are waiting on the water fountain to come in. High School ball is pretty much done. Girls softball and soccer will be going for about another month. They have done some maintenance work at the farmers market getting it ready to re-open. Public Works has helped them with bringing and spreading gravel in several areas at both parks.

Codes Enforcer Philip Morrisett stated that the grass was already getting out of hand. He has started making personal visits to the homes instead of sending letters.

Ernest Umstead represented the Water Department while Billy was at a seminar. He stated they were will shorthanded, as they had not hired a back hoe operator. They were staying busy fixing leaks.

Police Chief Craig Moates stated the Police Department had a total of 1438 calls for the month. 587 security checks – home / business / parks, 306 vehicles stops, 195 investigations 10-43, traffic control 55, assisting other agencies – 16, Walk-in, talk with officer -25, citizen assist 29, accident/crash – 23, animal control/complaint -16, reckless driver – 11, escort/10-14/ funeral, bank, etc. -7, alarm-burglar / panic / fire 12, assault – 2 and a wide variety of other service calls. Vice Mayor Callahan asked if the retention plan was working and Chief Moates acknowledge that it was.

Fire Chief Tucker stated that the new tankard was a good purchase, as it had really helped out with some of the larger fires the department had experienced lately. He reported they had a total of 20 incidents during the month of April. 7 of those involved commercial alarms, 3 motor vehicle accident, 2 aircraft stand by, 2 brush fires and various other incidents.

M. Council Reports:

N. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Martin, seconded by Vice Mayor Callahan to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Jill Holland, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk