

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
September 10, 2020

- A. Call to Order — Mayor Holland
- B. Prayer — Councilperson Riley
- C. Pledge of Allegiance — Councilperson Riley
- D. Roll Call  
Mayor Holland - Present  
Councilperson Martin - Present  
Councilperson Pruneau – Present  
Councilperson Riley - Present  
Vice Mayor Townes – Present – seen on video, but voice not coming through  
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 Riley, to approve the minutes dated September 10, 2020. Motion carries
- G. Financial Matters  
Parks & Recreation: Zeager Brothers \$ 5,402.32 engineered wood chips. Rotary Club is  
Paying \$ 4,700.00 of this total.  
Custom Recreation \$ 3,995.00 installation of the wood chips being paid  
through the grant.

Motion made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Riley

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>—</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Winston	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Riley	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes.

H. Old Business:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 532 to establish court cost

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Winston to approve

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>—</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Winston	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Riley	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 533 to amend Ordinance 456 Title 16-107,108, & 109, and Title 17-001 to include grass, brush, etc.

Discussion: None

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin to approve

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>—</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Winston	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Riley	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

3. Discuss/Approve Police Department “Grooming Standard Board”

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated the grooming standards had been sent to the council. There was no further question.

Action Taken:

I New Business:

1. Mayor Holland asked to include a non-agenda item.

Motion made by Councilperson Riley, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau, to suspend the rules to address a non-agenda item. The motion passed.

Mayor Holland wished to present a Proclamation to honor Mrs. Lanier Mabry on her 105th birthday.

1. Discuss/Approve Resolution 20-003 to refinance Series 2019 Energy Savings Loan.

Discussion: Mayor Holland reminded the council that the resolution was in their packet and we had talked about it at the last meeting. There was no further discussion.

Action Taken: Motion made by Councilperson Riley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Martin to refinance the Series 2019 Energy Savings Loan.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>—</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Winston	<u>A</u>
Councilperson Riley	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Vote recorded as: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain. Motion passes.

2. Discussion/Approval the 2019 CDBG Sewer System Rehabilitation bid.

Discussion: Mayor Holland stated that we had that bid opening earlier in the week. We had seven bidders for this project. The bids went from 879,287.50 down to 497,550.50  
The winning bid was Insituform Technologies, LLC for 497,550.50.

Action Taken: Motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, second by Councilperson Young to approve Insituform Technologies, LLC winning the bid and beginning the work.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin	<u>Y</u>	Vice Mayor Townes	<u>—</u>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Winston	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Riley	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

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

3 Discussion of fireworks survey

Mayor Holland stated we had survey forms at the voting polls and also survey monkey on Facebook. All people who took the survey were required to put their name and address to verify that they were citizens in the city limits.

Question 1: Should fireworks be allowed in the city? 76.25 voted yes, 23.75 said no

Question 2: Should citizens be allowed to shoot fireworks on their own property? 74.92 said yes, 25.08 said no.

Question 3: If yes to the above, what type in order to keep remnants on your own property. There was a myriad of answers mostly concerning cleaning up afterwards and shooting late at night.

Question 4: Would you support shortening the time when fireworks should be shot July 1-July 5<sup>th</sup> and December 28-Jan.2<sup>nd</sup> instead of the present dates. 69.06 voted yes, 30.77 said no.

Question 5: What dates? 256 answered. 43 skipped, but most supported shortening the time.

Question 6: What hours? 288 answered. 11 skipped. Lots of answers, but 10:00 p.m. seemed to be the latest time.

Question 7: The dates fireworks should be sold. 266 answered 33 skipped. The answers were all over the place again, but most said 1-2 weeks before.

Question 8: What hours do you think fireworks should be sold? 258 answered, 41 skipped. These answers were everywhere, a lot said the hours allowed at present. Mayor Holland asked Fire Chief Tucker about the time frame now and he said currently it was midnight.

Question 9: Should the City only allow firework that are “special displays by permit”? 44.15 voted yes, 55.85 said no.

With these poll results, Mayor Holland stated that it was indicated that McKenzie residents did want to have fireworks. We do know there were calls with people shooting fireworks. She spoke with some other towns who had cut fireworks out, but they had upwards of 200-300 calls, which we have not reached that point. Mayor Holland asked if there was anyone who disagreed with fireworks being shot in McKenzie. Councilperson Riley stated she was all for shortening the length of time that fireworks could be shot. Councilperson Winston suggested cutting the two-week period be cut in half for the July period, to enable the vendors to sell for an entire week. Mayor Holland said that she felt if we had a monsoon or extremely dry weather, that we would be able to alter the time periods. Councilperson Winston stated that he really felt that we would see tents set up outside the city limits with the limited time. Councilperson Pruneau said he felt like two weeks were adequate to sell and buy and that 10:00 p.m. was a must. Councilperson Young said he thought we should stay with the July 1-5 since that was what was voted on. Councilperson Winston stated that they probably just voted on the dates indicated in order to vote. Councilperson Riley said she felt two weeks was too long. Mayor Holland suggested cutting 4 days and doing it for ten (10) days. Councilperson Winston said he felt like this year was different due to the stimulus money people had and that people were staying home more due to COVID. The board finally came to a mutual agreement that it would be a 10-day period, beginning June 26 until July 5 and stop selling and shooting at 10:00 p.m.

Mayor Holland said we would go ahead and create an amendment to fireworks ordinance with all the input from this discussion and have it ready for the first reading in October. Second reading in November, so everyone will be aware before the holidays.

K. Any Other Business: None

L. Citizens Input: None

M. Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Craig Moates sent the report for the month of August stating there had been a total of 1600. 676 for security check-home, business & parks, 211 investigations 10-43, 182 vehicle stops, 40 medical, 35 assist other agencies, 27 for citizens assist and assist other agencies, 21 theft-shoplifting/drive off and various additional calls. Chief Moates stated that he had had some staff in his department be subjected to illness.

Fire Chief Tucker reported that in the month of August they had responded to 25 incidents.

1 Vehicle fire but no structure fires within the last couple of months. Had a few cases of sickness within the department, but everyone is socially distancing and staying safe. We have had 5 aircraft stand by. 4 commercial alarms, 3 each of the following; EMS Assist, motor vehicle accidents, smoke investigations, the remainder were various other incidents. Mayor Holland also informed the council that Assistant Chief Jason Arnold was coordinating a bike ride for ALS. Assistant Chief Arnold's father has been recently diagnosed with this disease. They expect anywhere between 50-200 riders. They will be taking all the precautions and socially distancing riders. They are inviting all bike groups in the area to the event.

Mayor Holland informed the council that Chief Tucker had agreed to be the maintenance person for the city. Chief Tucker has a background for this, as he worked maintenance for the hospital before it closed.

Public Works Director Johnny Mercer was not in attendance, but Marvin Kalinowski gave their report stating that all the barriers were in place and painted., signs are at the end of the road on Kencindot. Robyn had been busy mowing right of ways. They were running the truck to keep brush and household picked up until a new driver could be hired. They are continuing with equipment servicing and getting the leaf truck ready for November. Mayor Holland said she was at Kencindot earlier today and the road had broken even more.

Parks & Recreation Director Mike Beasley was not in attendance. Jeremy Allen reported that middle school softball was finishing up. They were continuing with mowing and trying to catch up from all the rain. Most of the new park equipment at both parks and Harmony Park has been installed.

Mayor Holland said we were down 1 employee in both the parks and public works departments. We are in the process of hiring someone, so hopefully everyone will be patient.

Water Superintendent Wood stated his department was doing their usual, fixing leaks, unstopping sewers.

- N. Council Reports: There were no council reports. Mayor Holland reminded everyone that after the next council meeting, we would adjourn to the theatre at 7:00 p.m. to have Laura Keeton preside over a workshop concerning neighborhood covenants or the conservation district that several citizens in different subdivisions had inquired about. We are not trying to talk anyone into anything, but just trying to let them know what they can do if they are interested in going further. We are receiving money from the CARES funding act. We are working with the State to make sure that our items we are spending on the virus prevention will be covered. We are making sure that the city won't be out any additional money. It is based on \$ 15.00 per capita. We want to make sure that all our employees and citizens are protected as they are coming into our buildings.
- O. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young seconded by Councilperson Riley to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Martin Y  
Councilperson Pruneau Y  
Councilperson Riley Y

Vice Mayor Townes —  
Councilperson Winston Y  
Councilperson Young Y

Motion carried.

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

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