

**Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN. 38201  
July 11, 2013**

- a. **Call to Order** – Mayor Holland
- b. **Opening Prayer** – Councilperson Pruneau
- c. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilperson Pruneau
- d. **Roll Call** – All members of the council were present

Mayor Holland  
Vice Mayor Hale  
Councilperson Barksdale  
Councilperson Glisson  
Councilperson Lankford  
Councilperson Pruneau  
Councilperson Townes

- e. **Mayor's Welcome**

Mayor Holland welcomed everyone to the council meeting.

- f. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Lankford, to approve the regular meeting minutes dated June 13, 2013. The motion passed.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hale, seconded by Councilperson Townes, to approve the called meeting minutes dated June 17, 2013. The motion passed.

- g. **Financial Matters**

<b>Bills:</b>	<b><u>Vendor(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
1.	Southwest Tennessee Development District (Local Planning Services for 7/1/13 thru 6/30/14)	\$12,800.00

Motion made by Vice Mayor Hale, seconded by Councilperson Townes, to approve the above invoice. The motion passed.

**h. Old Business**

None

**i. New Business**

**1. Public Hearing on Ordinance 471 (an ordinance amending the official zoning map of McKenzie, Tennessee, to rezone Tax Parcel 002.03 and a portion of Tax Parcel 002.02, Carroll County Tax Map 016D (Steven Sherwood), Group “F” located near Grandberry Street from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Highway Business))**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Holland declared the public hearing on ordinance 471 open. There were no comments from the audience; therefore, Mayor Holland declared the public hearing closed.

**2. Public Hearing on Ordinance 472 (an ordinance amending the official zoning map of McKenzie, Tennessee, to rezone Tax Parcels 069.00 (Doug Johnson), 069.01 (Betty M. McDaniel) and (Johnnie D. Petering), Carroll County Tax Map 017, located along Highway 22 from P-B (Planned Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential))**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Holland declared the public hearing on ordinance 472 open. There were no comments from the audience; therefore, Mayor Holland declared the public hearing closed.

**3. Discussion/Approval on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 471**

**Discussion:**

None

**Action taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Vice Mayor Hale, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 471.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0,  
The motion passed.

**4. Discussion/Approval on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 472**

**Discussion:**

None

**Action taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, seconded by Councilperson Lankford, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 472.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0,  
The motion passed.

**5. Discussion/Approval on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 473 (an ordinance to temporarily continue the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Operating Budget of the City of McKenzie, Tennessee for Fiscal Year 2014)**

**Discussion:**

None

**Action taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Glisson, to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 473.

Motion is by role call vote:

Councilperson Barksdale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Lankford	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Glisson	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>
Vice Mayor Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Townes	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Abstain - 0, Absent - 0,  
The motion passed.

**j. Any Other Business**

**NON-AGENDA ITEM:**

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

**1. Discussion/Approval to appoint Mr. Ricky Price and Ms. Beverly Owens to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Holland told the council she wanted to appoint Mr. Ricky Price to fill the expired term (February 2012) of Mr. Wade Allen to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board and to reappoint Ms. Beverly Owens to fill her expired term (February 2013) to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board. At this time Ms. Barbara Cooper, executive director of the McKenzie Housing Authority was recognized by the mayor and expressed concerns about the mayor's decision to replace one of the current members under a non-agenda item of business. The mayor appoints or reappoints and the council confirms the members to the Housing Authority Board. Mayor Holland said these were here first two recommendations for appointment to the board since she had been elected.

Mayor Holland said she had many complaints from Housing Authority residents concerning a situation on July 4<sup>th</sup> in which fireworks were being fired. Many people were on the streets in the projects; police cars were damaged and known gang members were hiding behind children using them as human shields. She noted the residents were concerned about their safety and had met with her in hopes for some resolution to the problem. Mayor Holland said she did not have any problems with any member of the board, however, a systematic replacement of the housing authority board as the members' terms expire, would indicate the city was serious about making some necessary changes. Safety of the citizens in number one, said the mayor.

Councilperson Lankford questioned what the board appointments have to do with safety.

Ms. Cooper requested the appointments to be postponed since she was not aware of the problems the mayor was addressing. She said she was aware of the problems on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She said there were hundred of people there, many of whom she could not identify because of the smoke from the fireworks. She said she has no problem with the police department hope to find a solution to the concern of safety. She also said residents sign a lease requiring them not to disturb their neighbors; however, many will not divulge the names of persons creating the noise or problem. Another problem is the two entrances into the

project according to Ms. Cooper. She said when the staff leaves in the afternoon, the outsiders arrive.

City Attorney Laura Keeton said Federal law requires the leasee to reveal who is causing problems or could be evicted from their home.

Councilperson Barksdale asked about the Housing Authority's policy concerning members' whose terms have expired and whether or not their votes were valid. The question went unanswered.

Councilperson Pruneau commended the Housing Authority for the nice outer appearances. He expressed his concern for the safety of the residents.

Ms. Cooper said the Housing Authority needs two police officers; however, it does not have the budget to hire these officers due to the Federal Government cutting their budget.

The Council and Housing Authority tentatively agreed to discuss the problems and the upcoming board appointments at a later date.

**Action taken:**

Motion was made by Councilperson Pruneau, seconded by Councilperson Barksdale, to approve the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Mr. Ricky Price and Ms. Beverly Owens to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board. No vote by the council was taken on this motion because the motion was withdrawn from the floor due to much discussion and confusion from the audience and the council.

Another motion was made by Councilperson Townes, seconded by Vice Mayor Hale to table the appointments to the McKenzie Housing Authority Board until the August council meeting. This motion passed unanimously.

**k. Citizens Input**

Mr. Don McDaniel, 30 W. Jackson Street, McKenzie wanted to know the process to get a property rezoned. Mayor Holland explained he needed to get an appointment with Mr. Mark Jones, the codes officer and then get on the planning commission agenda for the rezoning request.

Ms. Anita Newbill, Assistant Director of the Housing Authority, said she would like to see the problem resolved, however, it should be worked through proper channels. She said there use to be a prohibition of fireworks between Walnut Avenue and Park Avenue. This location is the older location of the two housing projects. For some reason from the police department this prohibition was

removed. I would like to see problems resolved by working through proper channels in the future.

Mr. Ed Perkins, a member of the appeals board of the Housing Authority, cited a lack of communications between the City and Housing Authority. He said the mayor made a unilateral decision without consulting the Housing Authority or its chairman. He encouraged the mayor further discuss the matter with the Housing Authority.

Ms. Rosland Winston wanted to know if grills could be placed at Mulberry Park and why are the dogs & cats population being brought under control. Mayor Holland explained that she had talked to Mr. George Nolen, a park board advisory member and he stated if grills were placed at the park they would either be destroyed or broken. Replogle Lumber Company has donated wood chips, lumber to build picnic tables and benches for the Mulberry Park. As far as the dogs and cats, the city has a dog catcher and when the city receives a call about a dog or cat running lose, he goes out and tries to catch them. Ms. Rosland then wanted to know what was being done about these yards that have not been mowed. Mayor Holland explained to her that the Codes Officer Mark Jones was trying to get the yards mowed as fast as he can.

## **I. Council Discussion/Reports**

Vice Mayor Hale praised the success of the Festival of Freedom as one of the best ever. He said McKenzie attracts lots of visitors to see the park and the firework show. He also commended the police department for handling the 4<sup>th</sup> of July incident.

Councilperson Barksdale gave the monthly fire report with 23 calls.

Councilperson Glisson said he had been working with the codes officer to try and get these overgrown yards mowed.

Councilperson Townes commended the street department for the hard work they do.

Councilperson Lankford agreed the Vice Mayor Hale concerning the success of the Festival of Freedom firework show. She also thanked the Parks Department staff for their hard work in preparing the park for this event. She showed pictures of the chips and other work being done at or for Mulberry Park.

Councilperson Pruneau said he was thankful no one had complaints about their water in this great city of McKenzie and that Mr. Billy Wood was doing an outstanding job in that department.

Mayor Holland reminded everyone, Mr. Craig Moates the new chief of police would be here on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and sworn in on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and a brief work shop will follow with Chief Moates. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July we will have free hotdogs in the downtown park from 12 until 1 and people can come by and meet the new chief.

**m. Adjournment**

With no further business, motion was made by Councilperson Barksdale, seconded by Councilperson Glisson, to adjourn. The motion passed.

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

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlie Beal, CMFO/CMC  
City Clerk/Recorder