

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**McKENZIE MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**CALLED MEETING 2 MARCH 2016**  
*MCKENZIE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX @ 5:00 P.M.*

**I. Call to Order:**

- a. The Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Bobby Young at 5:10 P.M.

**II. Roll Call/Establish of Quorum:**

**a. Quorum Present**

- i. **MMRPB:** Bobby Young, Vice-Chair; Jill Holland, Mayor; Charles Pruneau, City Council Liaison; Garlon Prewitt, Secretary; Peggy Kee; Ken Mitchum
- ii. **Absent:** Dean Robb, Chairman (illness); Shelton Merrill, SW TN Planning Officer (absent – training)
- iii. **Planning Staff:** See Absent above
- iv. **Other:** Kevin King & Willie Huffman (Board of Zoning Appeals); David Kelly, City Codes Officer/Inspector; David Sikut & Justin Puckett (NTCH West TN Representatives for Tower Approval)
- v. **Media:** None

**III. New Business:**

**a. 11.414 Telecommunication Structure Regulations, Uses Permitted on Appeal**

S.I. Wireless requested approval to erect a lattice-type tower on the property located at Highway 22, Control Map 017 Parcels 012.06 Splits #000 & 001, Carroll Co. McKenzie, TN 38201. The parcels are zoned B-2 Highway Business. The owners as of January 1, 2016 are Mathew B. & Heather R Moore et ux, 65 Thompson Road, McKenzie, TN 38201.

The commission remained consistent with previous discussions where it was agreed by all to use the original regulations for Towers rather than the proposed new regulations. S.I Wireless will erect a Self-Supporting 3-Leg Lattice Tower within the city limits and has reduced the height from 250 feet to 195 feet with a 10-foot lightning rod at the top. David Sikut, S.I Wireless Representative, provided evidence from an engineering firm confirming that if this type of tower fails it will collapse upon itself, thus making the resulting setbacks of at least 100' more than appropriate. A formal survey by Surveying Services, Inc. with photos of the property were also submitted. The compound housing the tower will consist of a weed barrier covered by #57 stone and a six-foot cyclone fence with three layers of barbed wire at the top.

Regulations do not require lighting for this tower. All agreements are contingent upon FAA approval, but S.I Wireless has already passed a related regulation which ensures that FAA will also allow this project to proceed.

After some discussion, the decision was reached to give permission to start before submission to the Board of Zoning Appeals based on the urgency of the situation, the professional way in which S.I. Wireless presented itself, the possibility of them relocating outside of the city in order to meet a costly deadline, and multiple previous exposures that received favorable approval. The results of the meeting will be sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals. **(See BZA Case# 2016.001)**

**Motion to Approve:** Garlon Prewitt **Second By:** Jill Holland **Passed 6-0-1 (absent)**

**IV. Adjournment:**

**a. Adjournment Time: 5:15 P.M.**

**Motion By:** Peggy Kee **Second By:** Garlon Prewitt **Passed 6-0-1 (absent)**