

**Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN  
January 11, 2007**

- a. **Call to Order:** Mayor Walter Winchester
- b. **Opening Prayer:** Councilperson Adkins
- c. **Roll Call:** All members of the council were present.

Mayor Winchester  
Councilperson Hale  
Councilperson Davis  
Councilperson Ramey  
Councilperson Allen  
Councilperson Holland  
Councilperson Adkins

- d. **Mayor's Welcome**
- e. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Adkins, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

- f. **Citizens Input** – Any citizen shall be given up to 3 minutes to address the Mayor and Council on any issue. When the Mayor asks, please raise your hand if you wish to speak.

David Pierce, Alabama Street expressed some health and safety concerns about the property known as the old egg plant. He stated wild dogs were living in the old buildings creating a hazard for small children in that area. He also stated a half wall was still standing and this could eventually fall on someone. He stated he thought this might become a liability to the city. He also stated last year the grass never got cut until the city came over there and cut it. His suggestions were to board up the old buildings, tear down the standing wall or put up a fence around the entire area.

Keith Dover, Oaklawn Street, expressed concerns about loud music, parties and speeding vehicles in his neighborhood. He stated he had called the police, but they tell him there is nothing they can do.

Mayor Winchester thanked both gentlemen for voicing their opinions and the city would look into these concerns.

**g. Financial Matters**

**1. Bills:                      Vendor(s)    Amount**

None

**h. Old Business – None**

**i. New Business**

**1. FY 2005-2006 Audit Report by Mr. John Poole**

**Discussion:**

Mr. John Poole who is hired by the city gave the FY2005-2006 audit report. Mr. Poole stated the finances for the city of McKenzie was in very good shape. He used color graphs to compare revenues and expenses. He stated that in his opinion, the city had proper accounting procedures in place and the city employees were following these procedures. He stated no significant findings were reported.

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Davis, seconded by Councilperson Adkins, to approve the FY 2005-2006 Audit Report given by Mr. John Poole.

The motion is by roll call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

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

**2. Discussion/Approval of First (1<sup>st</sup>) Reading on Ordinance No. 412 (Adoption of MTAS Code of Ethics)**

**Discussion:**

Mayor Winchester explained to the council this policy was state-mandated and must be adopted by July 1, 2007. The State will allow a city to adopt the MTAS model; therefore this ordinance does exactly that.

Councilperson Davis asked what was the punishment under the city’s charter for the violation of this ordinance. Mayor Winchester told him that he could be censured by the remainder of the council.

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Allen, to approve the first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading on Ordinance No. 412 (Adoption of MTAS Code of Ethics).

The motion is by roll call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

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

**3. Permission to purchase bucket (boom) truck from Carroll County Electric Department**

**Discussion:**

Councilperson Holland wanted to know how old this truck and the condition of the truck. Mayor Winchester told her the truck was a 1996 model and he had inspected the truck and it was in good condition. She then asked what was the extension of the bucket and what could the city use the truck to fix? Mayor Winchester told her the bucket extended to 42 feet high and with this height the city could change the street lights, put up Christmas decorations and change lights in all the ball park fields except the senior babe ruth field and the soft ball field with the new lights.

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Ramey, seconded by Councilperson Allen, to purchase bucket (boom) truck from Carroll County Electric Department.

The motion is by roll call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

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

**4. Election of Vice Mayor**

**Discussion:**

Councilperson Holland noted that some towns elect their vice mayor on an alternating basis each year. Mayor Winchester told her the charter stated how the vice mayor was elected and it would take an amendment to the charter to change the process.

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Allen, seconded by Councilperson Ramey, to nominate Gene Hale as Vice Mayor.

The motion is by roll call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>A</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

Votes were as follows: Ayes - 5, Nays - 0, Abstain - 1, Absent - 0. The motion passed.

**5. Appointment of new council members as departmental liaisons**

**Discussion:**

None

**Action Taken:**

Motion made by Councilperson Hale, seconded by Councilperson Allen, to accept the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint Councilperson Ramey as Liaison of the street department and Councilperson Davis as Liaison of the Government Services.

The motion is by roll call vote:

Councilperson Hale	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Allen	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Davis	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Holland	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Ramey	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Adkins	<u>Y</u>

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

**j. Council Discussion/Reports**

Mayor Winchester reported to the council the city of McKenzie has been selected to host the 2007 Elected Officials Academy on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all council members to attend. The cost is \$150 per person.

Councilperson Adkins gave the monthly fire report with 4 calls in January. She also said the fire department had 205 calls in 2006 compared to 258 in 2005. She said the new turnout gear is scheduled for delivery within 90 days.

Councilperson Holland reported on the improvements made by the Parks and Recreation Department. She said a metal roof had been installed and the interior of the main concession stand had been upgraded, the Babe Ruth concession stand had been upgraded with handrails installed on the stairs to the scorer's area, and a new State Champions sign had been erected to signify the 2006 MHS Class 1A state champions. Metal roofs on the dugouts at the junior Babe Ruth fields and the downtown park benches had been refurbished.

**k. Any other business**

None

**l. Adjournment**

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

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Walter Winchester, Mayor**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Charlie Beal, City Recorder**