Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
August 8, 2024

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Young

C. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Townes - Present
Councilperson Alexander – Present
Councilperson Armpriest - Present
Councilperson Batton - Present
Councilperson Beeler - Present
Councilperson Young - Present

D. Mayor's Welcome:

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Griffin extended a warm welcome to all.

E. Approval of Minutes:
Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated July 11, 2024.

Motion carries

F. Financial Matters:
None presented.

G. Old Business:
None

H. New Business:

a. Discussion/Approval for purchase of Hurst Electric Combination Rescue Tool for Fire Dept. Fire Chief Tucker explained this was basically a battery powered jaws of life that could be taken to an accident and act as both a cutter and spreader. The one we have at this time only can reach up to 25' and this could be taken further to an accident site. This company is the only one in our area that we can purchase this piece of equipment from and it will

be a purchase through the State's Source Well. Councilperson Young asked if we still have the old one? Chief Tucker responded yes; it would still be used.

Motion to purchase the Hurst Electric Combination Rescue Tool made by Councilperson Young. 2nd by Councilperson Alexander

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion passes

b. Discussion/Approval to approve Ordinance 570 amending the text of the zoning ordinance of McKenzie, Tennessee by revising the adopted fence requirements pertaining to fencing materials.

Mayor Griffin asked Councilperson Young, who sits on the planning commission board to explain. Councilperson Young explained that the old ordinance was a little hard to understand, so this was just basically cleaning up the language to make it more precise and easier to read.

Mayor Griffin stated the boxes on the ordinance, just had the wording condensed, explaining the types of materials that have been approved. No wire can be used. Councilperson Batton then asked if you had wire fencing like what is behind our home had to be remove. Mayor Griffin explained that it did not apply to agriculture areas, which is behind her home. Attorney Pemberton explained It comes under Non-Conformance and that any wire fencing up now would be grandfathered in until the time it was taken or knocked down- at the time of replacement, it could not go back to wire.

Motion to approve by Councilperson Armpriest, 2nd by Councilperson Young.

c. Discussion/Approval to approve the agreement between the 1st Baptist Church and the City of McKenzie.

Mayor Griffin was approached by the Church that they were asking the City, Bethel and the Methodist Church to be in agreement that if there was a fall, that it would be the Church's responsibility and not the owners of the mentioned properties.

Attorney Pemberton proposed that we have a written agreement in place between the City and 1st Baptist Church. It is always good practice to have agreements in place in case

someone falls on our property, we would not be liable. Councilperson Batton asked if they would be taking all the whole parking lot and were told this was only a parking overflow for Sundays and Wednesday nights. It is considered a liability shifting issue. If there is on-going parking, should have a formal agreement.

Motion to approve the agreement made by Councilperson Beeler, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion carries.

d. Discussion/Approval to appoint Kim McMann to the Library Board.

No discussion

Motion to appoint Kim McMann to the Library Board made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion passes

e. Discussion/Approval to appoint Beverly Muller to the Library Board.

No discussion

Motion to approve Beverly Muller for Library Board made by Councilperson Young, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion passes

I. Citizens Input
None

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 50 calls. 15 EMS calls transported by non-fire agency, 14 of medical assist -EMS crew, 4 alarm system activations, and various other calls. Chief Tucker took this time to say he wanted to thank and brag on his department for stepping up and helping while he was recuperating from his injury. He was very proud of them.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead stated they were still in leak season. Two of the lift stations had been installed and were in service. He wanted to say thank you for Johnny Mercer for his help on a big project that had helped save the department a lot of money.

Assistant Police Chief Boucher reported they had 1592 calls for the month of July. 723 security checks, 400 traffic stops, 60 ambulance, 57 officer investigations, and various additional calls. Advised that we had 3 new hires, 1 had already been to the academy. The canine vehicle was being stripped this week.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer said this was household week. Also, mentioned that Traf-Mark could not get back in timely manner to re-stripe Broadway, so he was able to locate machinery to eliminate the spaces and re-stripe at a savings. A new stop sign has been installed at the end of Broadway and Cedar. Busy clearing ditches and thickets.

Jim Seaton, Codes Department reported he had forty-three violations. (39) of the violations had been fixed. Two condemnations were coming up.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell said they are still staying steadily mowing and trimming. Cross Country started this week. Middle School would be starting fall softball in the next week. End of September will start soccer again.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young said it was great that the departments were working together.

Councilperson Armpriest agreed with Councilperson Young's statement.

Councilperson Alexandre told the department heads thank you for the good job they were

all doing.

Vice Mayor Townes thanked all the departments for their dedication to the city.

Councilperson Batton wanted to commend the Fire Department on answering so man medical calls.

Councilperson Beeler thanked everyone for all they do.

K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:20 P.M.

Motion carried

APPROVED: _____
Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk