

Called Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
July 7, 2026

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Alexander

C. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Beeler - Present

Councilperson Alexander – Present

Councilperson Armpriest - Present

Councilperson McBride - Present

Councilperson Townes - Present

Councilperson Young - Present

D. Mayor's Welcome:

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. At this time, he extended a warm welcome.

E. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Townes to approve the minutes dated June 22, 2026

Motion carries

F. Financial Matters:

None

G. Citizen's Input:

Scott Kelley of 1010 Paris Pike said he had two questions. His first question was concerning the tornado sirens. One is right beside his house and they cannot hear anything.

Mayor Griffin responded that the sirens were in this years budget and would be on the agenda next month. The council had approved taking out a three year loan to pay for them. He explained that we would be replacing all three of the sirens and would be adding two more for a total of five.

Mr. Kelley's then stated that his house was on the corner of Paris Pike and Shady Lane. He said there were drainage culverts under each road. Two years ago h e had spent \$ 12,000.00 landscaping his yard with all kinds of rock work on that corner of Paris Pike and Shady Lane to relegate the water going down his property. He acknowledged that we had been experiencing heavy rains, but with the last one he had 8' of water in his back yard and it only last a little while, but he believes the drainage culvert at that corner is not letting the water escape. He thinks the culvert is only 18" there and the other end is 24' concrete culverts with water gushing through there and all the landscaping and rock work has washed out, he questioned if the city was willing to help mitigate or replace any of this. If it continues like it is, the situation will just get worse. He has lived here thirty-one years and likes to let things go as status quo, but felt it was time to stand up and say something.

Mayor Griffin asked Public Works Supervisor to get with Mr. Kelley and evaluate the ditch drainage situation and come back with a plan for a resolution.

H. Old Business:

A. Discussion/Approval of an update from the sub-committee regarding the Public Works Roof bid.

Councilperson Young shared that at the present time they were getting the bids updated, as one of the companies had given any information on warranties, etc. At this time they had not received any updated bids.

Mayor Griffin then asked for this to be tabled until the August meeting.

Motion made by Councilperson Alexander , 2nd by Councilperson Armpriest to table until the August meeting.

Motion passed.

I. New Business:

A. Discussion/Approval to purchase 2026 Tahoe from the Police Safestreet Fund.

Mayor Griffin told the council in their packet was a description of what the vehicle Would look like through Wilson County Motors who has the State Contract. Currently the Safestreet Fund has \$ 112,850.00 and with the purchase of the vehicle at \$ 60,125.00, it would leave a balance of \$ 52,725.64. Next month when we bring forth the tornado sirens, Chief White would be willing to give \$ 40,000.00 as the down payment from the Safestreet Fund to the Tornado siren cost, leaving the Safestreet Account with \$ 10,000.00.

Councilperson Young asked if this was a police vehicle and Mayor Griffin responded, yes it is for an investigator. This would give us only a couple more vehicles to replace and then we would no longer have any of the Missouri vehicles.

Safestreet Funds comes from the ticket lights until 2029 when the contract expires, unless the council decides to continue on a new contract. Safestreet generates approximately \$ 40,000.00 a year.

City Attorney Pemberton explained that since Wilson County Motors has been approved as the vendor for State Contract vehicle purchases, so we are not required to go through a bid process.

Motion to approve the purchase from Safestreet Funds made by Vice Mayor Beeler, 2nd by Councilperson McBride.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest:	Yes	Councilperson McBride:	Yes
Councilperson Alexander:	Yes	Councilperson Townes:	Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler:	Yes	Councilperson Young:	Yes

Motion passes.

B. Discussion/Approval to purchase 2026 Tahoe from the Police Drug Fund.

Mayor Griffin said this purchase would also come through the State Contract. The current balance in the Drug Fund is \$ 170,696.50 and with the purchase at \$ 60,125.00, which would then leave a balance of \$ 110,571.50

Councilperson asked if we knew for sure the MSP would be exactly \$60, 125.00 and Mayor Griffin answered it would be between \$ 54,000.00 and \$ 60,125.00 being the

maximum. This vehicle would also be for another investigator. Mayor Griffin added that Chief White always wants the public to know these items are being paid through these funds and not from the tax payer dollars. Chief White also mentioned that out of the drug fund we can make one capital purchase a year.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2nd by Councilperson Young to approve the purchase of this vehicle through the Drug Fund.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest:	Yes	Councilperson McBride:	Yes
Councilperson Alexander:	Yes	Councilperson Townes:	Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler:	Yes	Councilperson Young:	Yes

Motion passes.

C. Discussion/Approval to purchase 2026 Case 580 SN back hoe-loader for Water Department.

Mayor Griffin stated that Water Superintendent Umstead had brought forward quote for 2026 Case 580 SN back hoe/loader, 4 wheel drive and heated with a list price of \$ 189,356.30 with a Source Well State Contract discount of \$ 44,930.30 leaving the price \$ 144,426.56, they are allowing us to trade in our old backhoe at 45,000.00 making a total of \$ 99,426.56. This would come out of the water department, who has their money to spend.

Councilperson McBride asked the age of the current backhoe and was told by Superintendent Umstead it was fifteen years old. Mayor Griffin said he felt that was a good price for the current backhoe.

Motion made to purchase the new 2026 Case 580 SN backhoe/loader by Councilperson McBride, 2nd by Vice Mayor Beeler.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest:	Yes	Councilperson McBride:	Yes
Councilperson Alexander:	Yes	Councilperson Townes:	Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler:	Yes	Councilperson Young:	Yes

Motion passes.

J. Department Head Reports:

Public Works Supervisor Mercer reported they were still doing the household/brush pick up on alternate weeks and servicing their equipment. Due to the weekend storms, they had removed lots of trees on the streets.

Water/Super Supervisor Umstead said this was leak season and they were staying busy on those repairs.

Codes Enforcer Marrow informed the council that he had made contact with the former Gaines Mfg. building and they had begun mowing. He said they had plans to refurbish the building in front, will get all the trash behind the building and would get all the flammable liquid out by the end of this month. He stated he has also contacted CSX concerning some of their other property that needed attention.

Under animal control, he had been successful in getting a dog rehomed.

Police Chief White reported having 1755 calls in his department. 854 were security checks, 481 traffic stops, 58 log information, 54 ambulance, 28 animal calls and a multitude of other calls

Fire Chief Tucker gave both a fiscal year end report and a monthly report. He said they had 446 calls for the year. 292 of these were in the medical summary, showing that 68% of their calls pertained to medical. His June report had 69 calls, 47 medical, 14 public service, 3 hazardous situation, 2 fire, 2 no emergency and 1 rescue.

Parks & Red Supervisor Hollowell said the Freedom Festival's crowd was down from past years due to weather he said, but overall it was a good 4th and some great fireworks. He stated we had a lot of rain, but his crew was still able to get around and keep the grass cut and looking good.

City Reporter Waldrup reported that Trane had been here to look at the street light situation we have been experiencing. Mr. Crone has contacted a new 60 watt bulb vendor (Cooper Lighting) and felt like he would get a shipment of at least 20 bulbs in next week. Hopefully this will help to get out street light situation under control. He will also be getting us new sensors.

K. Council Reports:

Vice Mayor Beeler thanked all the department heads for doing all they do, taking care of their equipment and trying to work within their individual budgets.

Councilperson McBride said he agreed with Vice Beeler and stated the department heads

tried not to create a taxpayer burden.

Councilperson Townes did not have anything different to add.

Councilperson Alexander said he was just going to repeat how everyone felt about how great it was the departments worked, especially in trying not to burden our taxpayers. He said he was very appreciative.

Councilperson Armpriest how public works had dealt with flooding waters and trying to prevent vehicles from going through it by standing guard. Response time has been very quick and wanted to thank them for dealing with all the cleanup.

Councilperson Young said the 4th of July fireworks were beautiful and what a nice event it is. Thankful the city is able to do that each year.

Mayor Griffin informed that council that the budget was submitted to the comptrollers office on June 24th, so we should hear back soon. He mentioned council may have noticed on social media bids for fencing and goal for the soccer complex in order to be ready for soccer season, because of this, we will need to have a called meeting on July 24th at 10 a.m. This would allow us to open the bids in order not to hold back the schools getting ready for soccer. Mayor Griffin then reminded everyone Sweet Tea Festival was coming up August 21 & 22 and was very excited about this year's lineup.

K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson McBride to adjourn @

6:44 p.m., Councilperson Townes made the second.

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder