

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
April 10, 2025

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin
- B. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson McBride
- 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, seconded by Councilperson Townes to approve the minutes dated March 13, 2025.

Motion carries

- F. Financial Matters:
None presented.

- G. Old Business:
 - a. None

- H. New Business:

- a. Approval for Bond Fund Resolution 25-003 for the soccer complex.

No discussion or questions were made.

Motion to approved by Vice Mayor Beeler, 2nd by Councilperson McBride

Mayor Griffin then asked for a roll call vote:

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

Resolution passes.

I. Citizens Input

Matt Lane of 276 Main St. South, owner of Block City Pizza. Mr. Lane said he came before the council in 2017 concerning the flooding of S. Main Street. He said when we receive more than 2" of rain, it floods S Main St. It comes down TDEC and the engineers. The sewer lines have several spots that seem to burst out at times. There are two-man holes in front of the building over flow. The culvert that runs beside EW James has problems, there is a tree stuck in the culvert behind the Mexican restaurant. There seems to be zero flow from Main St until the ditch by Dominos. If we could get that culvert expanded and cleaned out, that would really help some of these issues. He said, I would just like to bring it to your attention and if we could get these issues relived, it would be wonderful.

Mayor Griffin stated that Jim Hilborn, the engineer working on the S. Main sidewalk / culvert issue had just informed us that the original 2014 grant was for \$ 55,300 our part, and had now increased to \$ 115,000.00 We have given approval to have the application extended since it was expiring July 24, 2025. The new completion date is June 2026.

Adam Czajkowski of 254 Linden Street dogs were still running at large without leashes. Wanted to thank the police for being very responsive and stepped up. I have seen lately like there have been some fences built and people walking with dog leashes. Mr. Czajkowski said he just wanted to follow up and see what progress was being made.

Mayor Griffin said we were gathering data on how much it will cost to move this to the Police Department as well to make changes with our current process. During our budget sessions, we hope to get a better fine line, now we are just continuing to police the situation.

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 50 calls. 19 EMS calls assist with medical/ EMS crew, 7 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency and several others, 4 alarm system activations, and several additional calls. Chief Tucker also stated that four people had completed the Emergency Response Class. Two are now certified and two are going through the State's Fire Fighting program.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead reported that he had gotten a quote from PRI on repairing some of the water cut patches around town. He also stated that the Clark Street culvert had washed out during all the flooding.

Police Chief White reported that the Police Dept. had answered 1805 calls for the month. 643 security checks, 542 traffic stops, 74 ambulance, 70 log information calls, 43 serving arrest warrants, 42 officer investigations and various additional calls. Chief White took this time to report that we had two new graduates from the Academy.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer said there had been a massive amount of ditch damage from the flooding. They were having to haul in a lot of dirt and rock to help fix some of these issues, then stated some of it will need to be contracted out as his equipment could not handle it. His crew is still covering the weekly pickups of household and yard debris. Mayor Griffin stated that he was working with TEMA & FEMA to help some of the cost.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell reported that the Chamber Egg Drop was very successful. He stated if no one had been at the park, they needed to come and check out the new landscaping that his staff planted in the islands within the parking lot. The new bathrooms / concession area at the T-Ball fields are up and going. They have been very popular with everyone. The fencing at Mulberry has been removed. He said his staff was trying to get ahead of the mowing.

Codes Enforcer Seaton that there had been two houses in the condemnation meeting; one has been condemned and one has been repaired already.

City Recorder Waldrup reported that 2024 property taxes had been coming in very well.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young wanted to commend Parks Director Hollowell and his staff on the park fields. Mr. Young said he had been to the park and the landscaping was very nice and really looked good.

Councilperson Armpriest said she had received some comments asking why we got new planters downtown and had not replaced the tornado sirens. Mayor Griffin said we had received a donation from a group and that we were working to get a grant for the sirens.

Councilperson Alexander said he wanted to thank Superintendent Mercer and Superintendent Umstead for all their work during all the storms. They both had experience a tough week, taking care of all the issues created. He added he appreciated all the hard work by all the department heads.

Councilperson Townes said everyone does a really good job. Mr. Townes said he wanted to thank Matt Lane for being patient with the city.

Councilperson McBride said the park looks really good. Thank you to all the department Heads for the great job they all do.

Vice Mayor Beeler said he wanted to thank all the departments for all they do.

Mayor Griffin informed everyone that Vice Mayor Beeler was being honored tonight as Business Person of the Year at the Carroll County Chamber banquet. He took this time to remind that next Thursday, we will meet at the depot at 9:00 a.m. for strategic planning. Mayor Griffin then said he would like to update everyone on the Mulberry Park project, stated all the paperwork had been submitted, added that Johnny Mercer had taken Mulberry on as his own project with all his great work.

- K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson McBride, 2nd by Councilperson Townes to adjourn @ 6:23p.m.

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk