

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

- A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin
- B. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Alexander
- C. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Beeler - Absent
Councilperson Alexander – Present
Councilperson Armpriest - Present
Councilperson McBride - Present
Councilperson Townes - Absent
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 Young to approve the minutes dated June 12, 2025

Motion carries

- F. Financial Matters:

None

- G. Citizen's Input:

No one had signed in.

- H. Old Business:

- a. Discussion /Approval for Food Truck Ordinance 572

No discussion.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson McBride, 2nd by Councilperson Armpriest.

Roll Call vote:

Councilperson Young: Yes

Councilperson Alexander: Yes

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes

Motion carries.

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/Approval to purchase Police Dept. E. Force Software

Police Chief White explained this would be purchased from the Safe Street account and would be of no cost to the city. Chief White explained how this software would make the city Tibers complaint and would also save extra time that has been taken to get reports done in a much timelier matter, this would be the next step to having the E Citations done.

No discussion.

Motion made by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson Armpriest

Roll Call vote:

Councilperson Young: Yes

Councilperson Alexander: Yes

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes

Motion carries

b. Discussion/Approval to purchase a vehicle for Drug Investigator from the Drug Fund Account.

Chief White explained that this money as well would be of no cost to the city, as it was coming from the drug fund account. He explained the vehicle would be purchased from Wilson County Motors, who were a part of the State Contract at a reduced price of \$54,521.00

No discussion.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson McBride, second by Councilperson Armpriest.

Roll Call vote

Councilperson Young: Yes
Councilperson Armpriest: Yes

Councilperson Alexander: Yes
Councilperson McBride: Yes

Motion carries

c. Discussion/Approval of the City of McKenzie FY Budget 2025 / 2026

Discussion: Councilperson Alexander said he would like to reiterate again, that he wished we had researched other area where we could have gotten additional funds. Councilperson Armpriest said maybe we could have additional workshops next year, maybe start in mid to late March.

Councilperson McBride said not increasing the tax rate in all these years had really put us in a touch spot.

Mayor Griffin stated it had decreased the time because of not knowing the certified rate that early. Attorney Pemberton stated that due to the county tax rate changes every five (5) years, it is not as accurate on the figures as the other four years when there are no changes.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call vote

Councilperson Young: Yes
Councilperson Armpriest: Yes

Councilperson Alexander: Yes
Councilperson McBride: Yes

Motion passes.

d. Discussion/Approval of the MOU between Carroll County Fire Department and the City of McKenzie.

Mayor Griffin said introduced Trevor Foster, who is our direct contact with TEMA and Jonathan Gaskins, the new Carroll County Fire Chief and then asked Fire Chief White to explain more about the Memorandum of Understanding. Chief Tucker said this just puts on paper what we have been doing for several years. Starting with the area that we cover, for example we are the closest station to Station 10 Macedonia; who is strictly a volunteer station. McKenzie automatically responds to that call. There are several that we can add aid for assistance. We are trying to build our relationships together; if Chief Gaskins needs additional equipment we will share resources; same for us if we need anything, he will share. We have already had three (3) training sessions together in the

last six (6) months. We are bonding three (30 large stations.

Attorney Pemberton spoke now and said he had reviewed this contract and saw no problems with it.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call vote

Councilperson Young: Yes

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes

Councilperson Alexander: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes

Motion passes.

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 58 calls. 30 aircraft standbys, 9 EMS calls assist with medical/ EMS crew, 7 alarm system activation, no fire-unintentional and numerous other calls.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead said the company that is working on our leak detection, said about a quarter of the system had been checked. 40 leaks have been found so far. We are receiving applications for a new maintenance person at the waste water plant, our former employee has retired. The crew is doing its regular job of repairing leaks.

Police Chief White reported that the Police Dept. had answered 1899 calls for the month. 1,043 security checks, 388 traffic stops, 70 ambulance, 42 log information calls, 34 officer investigations, and various additional calls. Chief White also mentioned that his department was now taking applications and had received several already for the newly combined job of codes enforcement and animal control. At this time, he added the new software system will have all the municipal codes added into the police vehicle computers.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer reported that they were still doing household and limb-brush pickup. Mr. Mercer also stated that Thermocasting had completed the jetting, vac, and inspection behind the Save-A-Lot sink hole. He said it runs under the new crosswalk on 79 in a manhole that did not show up. He felt like it will need to be cut and new risers installed with the next step talking with TDOT since they are in charge of paving on 79.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell was on vacation.

Mayor Griffin thanked City Recorder Waldrup was handling the code enforcement issues until the new employee came on board.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young had nothing

Councilperson Armpriest said she thought the new software for police would help with the codes enforcement.

Councilperson Alexander had nothing.

Councilperson McBride had nothing

Mayor Griffin informed everyone that he had received official communication from the National Guard, and they would return this weekend to finish their work.

- K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Armpriest to adjourn @ 6:22 p.m., 2nd by Councilperson McBride.

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk