

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
May 14, 2026

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

Vice Mayor Beeler - Present
Councilperson Alexander – Present
Councilperson Armpriest - Present
Councilperson McBride - Present
Councilperson Townes - Present
Councilperson Young - Absent

- 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 Townes, second by Councilperson McBride to approve the minutes dated April 9, 2026

Motion carries

- F. Financial Matters:

None

- G. Citizen's Input:

None

H. Old Business:

- A. Discussion/Approval for Ordinance # 578 to Amend the Zoning Map on Highland Drive from Partially B-2 and R-3 to Entirely B-2.

Motion made by Councilperson McBride, 2nd by Councilperson Townes to approve the B-2 zoning request

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes
Councilperson Alexander: Yes
Councilperson Townes: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler: Yes

Motion passes.

I. New Business:

- A. Discussion/Approval for Resolution 26-005 for November Municipal Elections.

Motion to approve the November Municipal Election made by Vice Mayor Beeler, 2nd by Councilperson Armpriest.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes
Councilperson Alexander: Yes
Councilperson Townes: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler: Yes

Motion passes.

- B. Discussion/Approval for Ordinance No. 579 on first reading of Budget 2026/2027.

Mayor Griffin confirmed that there would be no tax increase for the 2026/2027 city budget. He said that all had agreed we would continue to try to improve salaries for the departments and had proposed a 3% raise. Mayor Griffin said he was happy with the work the departments had done to keep their budgets as streamlined as possible this year.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Beeler, 2nd by Councilperson Townes to approve the budget as presented.

Roll Call:

Councilperson Armpriest: Yes
Councilperson Alexander: Yes
Councilperson Townes: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler: Yes

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 78 calls. 14-medical falls, 9-medical sick, 7-crash vehicle, 6 alarm-fire or smoke, 5- lift assist, 3-alter mental status, medical unknown, medical no appropriate choice and various others. Chief Tucker reported that they had used approximately 600,000 gallons of water for the Henry, TN fire, Water Superintendent Umstead stated that the city had experience no trouble at all with our wells supporting this fire issue.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead reported that working on getting the sewer plant maintained and up to code. This week showed the water crystal clear as it should be and were hopefully getting in compliance with the State.

Parks Director Hollowell was not in attendance due to championship games being played at the recreational park.

Police Chief White reported they had 1238 calls for the month of April. 487 security checks, 302 traffic stops, 70 log information, 53 ambulance, 31 officer investigations, 25 reckless drivers, and several more calls.

Codes Enforcer Darrow reported he was busy contacting residents about their yard mowing and clean up issues.

Superintendent Mercer reported his crew was still running household and brush as normal. He reported that the John Deere side mount had been down for about five (5) weeks, but should be back operational next week. They had been busy with servicing equipment as this was always a busy time of year.

City Recorder Jennifer Waldrup reported that Nights on Broadway and the Farmers Market would be starting in June.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Armpriest said she appreciated all the hard work the department heads had done to help make the budget balance.

Councilperson Alexander was happy about all the hard work done last Friday at the Henry, TN fire. He was very appreciative of how the guys reacted and worked together.

Councilperson Townes wanted to thank everyone for a good job and thought it was great how the departments work together.

Councilperson McBride reiterated that all the departments work well together and was glad the budget was looking good.

Vice Mayor Beeler said all the council had covered everything he thought as well.

Mayor Griffin informed everyone that the Commissioner of Agriculture had called and thanked our fire department for the great work. He also said that Woodman Life had donated two flags to the city; a 10 x 20 and 20 x 30. The new website is live and has a more modern look with more transparency. An event calendar has also been added. He reminded council members to let him know if they would be attending the TML Conference the 10-12th.

K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson McBride to adjourn @ 6:12 p.m., Councilperson Townes.

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder