

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
May 8, 2025

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

Vice Mayor Beeler - Present
Councilperson Alexander – Absent
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 April 10, 2025.

Motion carries

- F. Financial Matters:

None presented.

- G. Old Business:

a. None

H. New Business:

a. Discussion concerning a Food Truck ordinance.

Mayor Griffin said that some of the local restaurants had indicated that food trucks had reduced income to their establishments and they added that food do not have the experience expenses brick and mortar establishments have. We have gathered ordinances from several areas on they handle food trucks coming into their towns and found they charge anywhere from \$ 50.00 to \$200.00 each time. I am requesting that we set an ordinance for \$ 300.00 per max per year or a one-time \$ 50.00 fee. This would bring people here, but would also deter those taking away from our local establishments. When a food truck comes to town and receives payment, the sales tax goes back to the where the business license is held. They will have an application next month.

Vice-Mayor Beeler asked if that fee would be added to the Sweet Tea fee. Mayor Griffin said it would be adjusted to encompass all.

Councilperson McBride asked if we know the number of times that food trucks are in our area.

Attorney Pemberton suggested that they could pay the \$ 50.00 each visit, until they have reached the maximum payment of \$300.00. Attorney Pemberton advised that by having the ordinance, we had more power to then take them to court with the \$ 50.00 fine, then just having a permit.

Mayor Griffin responded that an ordinance would be presented at the June meeting. No further action would be required.

b. Discussion/Approval of appointment of Hansel McCadams as city judge.

Discussion: None

Motion made by Vice Mayor Beeler, second by Councilperson McBride to approve.

Roll Call vote:

Councilperson Young: Yes
Councilperson Armppriest: Yes
Councilperson Townes: Yes

Councilperson McBride: Yes
Vice Mayor Beeler: Yes

Motion carries

Mayor Griffin congratulated Mr. McCadams and said he would be sworn in and would be effective June 2nd, which would give Judge Trotter the time to finish out the schedule docket.

c. Discussion/Approval for Thermocasting estimate for issue behind Save A Lot

Discussion: Mayor Griffin began with saying we tried to get 3 bids, but this narrow type of market and it is not easy to find companies with this expertise. The thermocasting is in regards to a large sink hole and drain issue behind Save A Lot. Provides camera work, jetting and flushing for area behind Save A Lot, running under Puff Pro toward the Shell Station to see if the culvert has collapsed. This would be reimbursable project with Fema if that gets approved. This would be next step 1.

Councilperson Young if it was part of the same thing as the issue on Oak Street.

Mayor Griffin responded no.

Councilperson Armpriest asked if this had been approved for payment by Fema and Mayor Griffin said no, it has been sent to them along with other work resulting in about 1.2 million in damages. Hopefully we will be reimbursed. Councilperson Armpriest then asked if Puff Pro might incur foundation damages? Mayor Griffin said he did not feel that was an issue, but the themocasting would allow us to see in order to clean it up and install new piping. Probably in June, there will be another estimate to continue on with further steps.

Motion made by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson McBride to have work be performed by Thermocasting, LLC.

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carries

I Citizen's Input:

None requested.

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 58 calls. 21 EMS calls assist with medical/ EMS crew, 12 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency and several others, 8 alarm system activations, and several additional calls. Chief Tucker also stated there had been several small fires throughout the month.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead was not in attendance due to being on vacation.

Police Chief White reported that the Police Dept. had answered 1650 calls for the month. 777 security checks, 380 traffic stops, 55 ambulance, 45 log information calls, 47 officer investigations, 35 serving arrest warrants, and various additional calls. There is one more officer who will be graduating from the academy soon, so we will be in very good shape.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer reported that they were still doing household and limb-brush pickup. The transmission on the dump truck is in the shop, but still under warranty still. Planning to start work on the second parking lot at Mulberry next week. Been very busy getting the new 50' culvert installed by the dog park, it will need a new header wall and lots of rip rap. Plan to have it finished next week and go on to the next one.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell reported baseball, softball and soccer were all in full swing. The splash pad will be opening Memorial Day weekend, so his crew will be getting ready for the opening.

Codes Enforcer Seaton said there had been three new modular homes going in and two new houses built.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young said it today was a beautiful day and thank you for everything.

Councilperson Armpriest said she had received complaints concerning the placement of the Stop signs at the corner of Walnut and S. Main. Wondered if it could be checked out and maybe moved closer. Superintendent said he would check into what CSX recommended to stop before railway crossings.

Councilperson Townes had nothing.

Councilperson McBride said he wanted to thank everyone for the good job.

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

Mayor Griffin informed everyone that he had received official communication from the National Guards, they will be starting work on June 14th. They had said that in order to relocate the road, that would be a two-week project, so it will not be happening.

Junior Milam will be the speaker during our Memorial Day program. Armand Hebert will present the Memorial Day poem, and Ady Freeman will be the Memorial Day singer.

Nights on Broadway will begin June 5th. Nights on Broadway will be the first and third Thursdays from June through September.

Mayor Griffin reminded everyone, we will be going over the budget next Thursday, the 15th at 3:30 p.m. in the council room.

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

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk