

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
November 13, 2025

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 McBride, second by Councilperson Armpriest to approve the minutes dated October 9, 2025

Motion carries

F. Financial Matters:

None

G. Citizen's Input:

No one had signed in.

H. Old Business:

A. Discussion/Approval on 2nd reading for Ordinance 574 Occupational Safety & Health Program.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest to approve on 2nd reading Ordinance 574 Safety & Health Program. 2nd made by Councilperson Townes.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carries.

I. New Business:

A. Proclamation honoring Charlie Weatherford – MHS Ladies Golf.

Mayor Griffin read the proclamation honoring Charli for setting a record for McKenzie High School girls golf. She was a 10-match medalist in 9-hole play, participating in three 18-hole tournaments during regular season and placing 2nd individually in all 3. She placed 1st individually in the District Tournament and Region Tournament and tied for 8th individually in the State Tournament. All these accomplishments helped bring her team in as District winner. This proclamation was proclaimed as Charli Weatherford Day.

B. Discussion/Approval of employee Christmas bonus.

Mayor Griffin reminded the council that every year we have paid full-time employees, \$ 100.00 and part-time employees \$ 50.00. This has been the amount for several years.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2nd by Councilperson Beeler.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carries.

C. Update on the proposal of the Depot as a retail incubator

Attorney Pemberton stated the overall agreement was in pretty good shape, he stated that he had worked on some minor tweaks and would have the final draft in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Griffin stated that the incubator advertisement had over 69,000 view and more than 400 comments. He said he was happy that we had decided to move forward with the project.

D. Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Griffin wanted to take this time to recognize the following people: Sgt. Cody Coleman, Dispatcher Tiesha Dowland and Firefighter Mikayla Vincent for their bravery, composure and decisive actions during a critical incident in the lobby of our city hall when an individual had a mental breakdown and removed a gun from her purse. Their actions exemplified the highest standards of service in the line of duty, but also dedication to their jobs to not only city employees, but to the citizens of our community.

A standing ovation was given to Ms. Dowland and Ms. Vincent, Sgt. Coleman was not in attendance, as he was attending a meeting out of town.

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 78 calls. 23 EMS calls assist with medical/ EMS crew, 12 EMS call, party transported by non-fire agency, 5 alarm system activation, no fire-unintentional.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead all tanks had been refurbished and were back on line. PRI will be coming next week to do some water cut repairs. He also mentioned that they had gotten several more things completed at the wastewater plant that had been on a list for completion.

Mayor Griffin announced that McKenzie had been approved to receive another CDBG grant to be used for water/wastewater infrastructure.

Parks Director Hollowell was not in attendance due to a death in the family.

Police Chief White reported 1529 calls from his department. 706 of these were security checks, 420 traffic stops, 55 ambulance, 40 log information, 34 animal calls and various other calls.

Codes Enforcer Darrow reported that there had been 87 violations given in the last four months. The West End property had not met any of the proposed plans, so they will be cited into court. He said there had been 29 dogs re-homed this month.

Superintendent Mercer reported that they were getting some of the Christmas lights put up for the coming businesses Christmas Open House this weekend. His department was still running their weekly cycles of household and limb-yard debris. The leaf truck will be running the regular street pickup days.

City Recorder Waldrup reported property taxes had started coming in. They had been busy with working on Hometown Christmas applications for Mistletoe Market, Big Jingle Christmas parade, and the Spirit of the Season Christmas trees decorated trees.

Mayor Griffin reminded everyone that Hometown Christmas began on the 4th with The Carroll Arts production at the theatre, then Breakfast with Santa, Renaissance performances on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and the tree lighting in the downtown park.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young wanted to take this time to commend Public Works for the job on University Drive, making it look well groomed at all times.

Councilperson Armpriest reminded that Hometown Hangout would be part of the donation process this Saturday for the upcoming Shop With A Cop benefit for children. She also said what a great event Boo Bash had been for the community.

Councilperson Alexander wanted to say thanks again to Codes Enforcer Darrow for the job he was doing with both the city codes and animal control.

Councilperson Townes had no comment.

Councilperson McBride he felt that were moving our city forward and he was very proud.

Vice Mayor Beeler said he just wanted to thank everyone for the job they continued to do.

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

6:19 p.m., 2nd by Councilperson Armpriest.

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk