

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
September 11, 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 McBride, second by Councilperson Townes to approve the minutes dated August 14, 2025

Motion carries

- F. Financial Matters:

Police: E Force software \$ 56,759.90 approved at prior meeting, just bringing to the council's attention. No motion is required.

- G. Citizen's Input:

Bill Hinsley – 705 Forrest Ave. McKenzie, TN

Mr. Hinsley, the owner of the Forrest St. trailer park asked to have the rezoning done about 1.5 years ago when he was planning to move the trailer park in order to build town houses on that site. At this time, he has not been successful in getting loans for new construction and is now wanting to have the zoning changed back.

Mayor Griffin explained that he would need to return to the Planning Commission to get a change done. They will then make a decision if it should return to the council.

H. Old Business:

- a. Discussion/Approval to approve second reading of Ordinance 573 revised Zoning Ordinance.

No discussion.

Motion made to approve Ordinance 573 on second reading by Councilperson Young, 2nd by Councilperson McBride.

Roll Call vote

Councilperson Young:	Yes	Councilperson Townes:	Yes
Councilperson Arm Priest:	Yes	Councilperson McBride:	Yes
Councilperson Alexander:	Yes	Vice Mayor Beeler:	Yes

Motion passes

I. New Business:

- a. Discussion/Approval to approve street paving bid.

Mayor Griffin stated at 5 p.m. today we received three bids that were opened in the council chambers. The first bid was from Arrow Paving 148.50 per ton, PRI out of Milan, TN came in at 141.00 per ton and Martin Paving out of Medina at 140.44. He took this time to note that Arrow was proposing only a 1 ½ layer of asphalt and the other two would apply a 2' layer which was under the specifications. At this time, he stated he would recommend Martin Paving, as it was the cheapest and we had worked with them in the past. The streets we are looking at were chosen through conversations with Director Mercer to look at David Street as it is one of the bigger topics, but due to the fact it needs to have two large culverts replaced before it can be repaved. It is on the list for next year as we should have plenty of money if we allocate just for David St. The following streets that will be paved, have already been sewer rehabbed and we feel very confident we will not have to cut them after paving. They are Florida, Florida Court, Manley St. and a portion of Bell Ave from Tennessee to Manley.

Now open for discussion and/or questions.

Councilperson McBride asked Director Mercer if he had worked with Martin Paving before and was told yes, several times and they had always done a good job.

Councilperson Young if that was all of Florida and was confirmed by Director Mercer

Total tonnage for all streets is 877 for a total of \$ 123,165.88 – we also paved the street at \$ 19,000.00 beside McKenzie Banking and the new Phipp’s Drug Store for grand total of \$ 142,165.88, which will leave some for cold mix later on. Should have around 57,000.00 left. David Street is being looked at for next year, due to two large culverts that have to be replaced.

Motion to approve Martin Paving was made by Vice Mayor Beeler, 2nd by Councilperson Townes.

Roll Call vote:

Councilperson Young:	Yes	Councilperson Townes:	Yes
Councilperson Arm Priest:	Yes	Councilperson McBride:	Yes
Councilperson Alexander:	Yes	Vice Mayor Beeler:	Yes

Motion carries

J. Department Head Reports:

Director Mercer stated they were doing the limb and yard debris pickup this week, been still doing work at the soccer complex and cleaning ditches around town.

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 68 calls. There were 29 Medical assist, assist Ems crew, 9 EMS calls - party transported by bon-fire agency, 6 alarm system activations, no fire-unintentional and various other calls. Chief Tucker then took this time to introduce two of his new employees; Lacey Lane and Mikayla Vincent who are both EMR’s and have started with the new shift rotation 24/28 on August 31st. We are excited to have them. This gives us 24 hour a day medical personnel on staff.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead gave an update on the park tank, saying the paint is still good, just getting a good cleaning, should be done within the next week or so, and it will then get back in service. The meters for the new soccer field and Bethel’s new golf driving range have been set.

Parks Director Hollowell said soccer got their season started with their kickoff last Saturday. Middle school softball will end their season next week. He mentioned that the majority of his time was being spent at the soccer complex getting it leveled out with the help of Director Mercer getting the parking lot reading and Water Superintendent Umstead getting the meter installed to have water for the upkeep of the new sod. Tri-turf laid the sod this week, and wanted to commend Jason Tuller, the owner of Tri-turf

for loaning his equipment to the park to top dress the high school baseball fields.

Police Chief White reported that the Police Dept. had answered 1456 calls for the month. 680 security checks , 449 traffic stops, 28 open line, 15 welfare checks and 12 suspicious person, and various other calls.

Ed Darrow with Codes said he sent out approximately 44 citations. Some are doing what they need to do, others are much slower. Junk cars and not cleaning yards are the biggest issues now. Have 3 dogs right now; two young beagles were in rough shape, is in the process of getting them adopted out. The Rocweiler has a family coming for him.

City Recorder Waldrup reported in October, citizens will start getting their invoices for property tax payments and next week we will be getting new business license entered into the computers. Starting to work on the upcoming October Boo Bash.

Mayor Griffin took this time to thank Ms. Waldrup and the summer intern, Madelyn Morris for their work on the Sweet Tea Festival, making it an outstanding event.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young agreed with Mayor Griffin concerning the Sweet Tea Festivals success with both food and craft vendors this year. He took this time to thank Parks Director Hollowell and his crew for their work making everything come together.

Councilperson Armpriest agreed that everyone working together for a common goal makes any job successful, as obvious with the Sweet Tea Festival. The weather was great.

Councilperson Alexander said he was on the same wave as everyone else concerning the festival. Talked with a lot of businesses on Broadway and they also said they had a great sales weekend.

Councilperson Townes had nothing.

Councilperson McBride said it is always great when the departments work together for the success of the city. Just like to say thank you to Jennifer and Madelyn for their work and anyone else who had anything to do with the festival.

Vice Mayor Beeler congratulated Lacey and Mikayla and thanked everyone for the great job they do.

Mayor Griffin wanted to take this opportunity to thank Directors Mercer and Hollowell for all the work at Mulberry and the transformation that is happening. Still have a long way to go, but by next year, I think we will be very pleased with the results.

K. With no further business, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Beeler to adjourn @ 6:19 p.m., 2nd by Councilperson McBride

Motion carries

APPROVED: _____

Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk