

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
September 12, 2024

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

Vice Mayor Townes - Present
Councilperson Alexander – Present
Councilperson Armpriest - Present
Councilperson Batton - Present
Councilperson Beeler - Present
Councilperson Young - Present

D. Mayor's Welcome:

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Griffin extended a warm welcome to all.

E. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Beeler, seconded by Councilperson Armpriest, to approve the minutes dated August 8, 2024.

Motion carries

F. Financial Matters:

None presented.

G. Old Business:

- a. Discussion/Approval for 2nd reading of Ordinance 570 for the Revision of the Adopted Fence Requirements.

No Discussion

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion passes

H. New Business:

a. Discussion/Approval on the Eastwood Drive street paving bid.

Martin Paving was \$ 162.40 a ton for total of \$ 77,140.00

Arrow Paving was \$ 165.00 a ton for total of \$ 80,000.00

Mayor Griffin asked Public Works Supervisor Mercer for his recommendation and it was for Martin Paving Company.

Councilperson Young asked if we would be paving any other streets. Supervisor Mercer responded the remainder of the street paving budget would be used for cold mix and hot mix to repair water cuts & sewer rehab in the streets.

Motion to approve Martin Paving's bid made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Batton	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y	Councilperson Beeler	Y

Motion pass

I. Citizens Input

None

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 65 calls. 24 EMS calls transported by non-fire agency, 12 medical assist -EMS crew, 6 alarm system activations, and various other calls. Chief Tucker also confirmed that the rescue tool that was ordered has now been delivered.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead was out with his crew working on a water main break.

Police Chief White was detained and came into the meeting after his report was looked for the month of August. It was concluded they had 1703 calls for the month. 698 traffic stops, 539 security checks, 52 ambulance runs, 50 log information, 44 officer investigations, and various additional calls. He stated that we were seeing more presence of patrol officers who were giving verbal warnings on seat belts and driving hands free.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer said this was household week. His crew had been busy cleaning trees and brush around town. The leaf truck was being service in order to be ready for fall leaf pickup. Storm drains had been cleaned in order to be ready for the approaching rain.

Jim Seaton, Codes Department reported he had twenty-seven new violations. (17) of the violations had been resolved. Two condemnations were in condemnation process.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell said mowing was slowing down now and they were in the process of working on fields. Soccer would be kicking off this coming Saturday.

City Recorder Waldrup said calls concerning the Republic cans had finally ceased. She also mentioned that property taxes would be going out October 1st.

J. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young wanted to thank the Police for getting the digital sign by the school. He felt like it had helped slow traffic down. Commented that he enjoyed the Sweet Tea Festival, stating we had two great bands, good food, and lots of vendors.

Councilperson Armpriest asked Park Director Hollowell if the dog park could be sprayed for fleas. Mr. Hollowell said yes, they could spray it and were planning to install some lighting to help stop vandalism. Was asked about the water, and was told it had been cut off because of water being stolen and put into a tote tank.

Councilperson Armpriest then asked if the new sidewalk steps downtown could be painted yellow. Mayor Griffin responded that this grant has not been closed with the State yet, but once it is closed, we can try to get it taken care of maybe with the ADA yellow bumps.

Councilperson Armpriest then asked if there was an aggressive dog policy, as there had been a problem with some dogs being near a fence next to a sidewalk. Attorney Pemberton responded until they actually hurt someone, there was nothing we could do. If they get out of the fence and bite someone, then the police can issue a violation.

Councilperson Alexander told the department heads thank you for the good job as usual, and thought the festival was a great success.

Vice Mayor Townes said thanks for a successful Sweet Tea Festival.

Councilperson Batton wanted to say she agreed with the success of the Sweet Tea Festival and was happy there had been no close calls with drivers at the Middle School lately.

Councilperson Beeler said it was a great job with the digital sign and he was happy to see officers out late at night checking businesses. He also said the festival was a success.

K. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2nd by Councilperson Batton to adjourn at 6:20 P.M.

Motion carried

APPROVED: _____
Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk

