

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
August 10, 2023

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer – Councilperson Josefina Batton

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Josefina Batton

D. Roll Call

Mayor Griffin -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Alexander -	Present
Councilperson Armpriest -	Absent
Councilperson Batton -	Present
Councilperson Pruneau -	Absent
Councilperson Young -	Present

E. Mayor's Welcome:

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

F. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes.

Motion carries.

G. Financial Matters:

None

H. Old Business:

None

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 555 to adopt the 2018 International Residential Code.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Discussion: Mayor Griffin stated that Jim Seaton had talked with Ricky Watson, our Codes Inspector for new buildings and he was in favor of getting our codes updated.

Motion to adopt the 2018 International Residential Code made by Vice-Mayor Townes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

- b. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 556 to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Alexander 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Mayor Townes

Discussion: Mayor Griffin called on Fire Chief Tucker to see if he had approval on this adoption. Chief Tucker stated that he and Codes Enforcer Watkins agreed to delete sprinkler systems in the residential sites.

Motion to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code made by Vice-Mayor Townes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

- c. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 557 to adopt the 2018 Building Code.

Motion to discuss: Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander.

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt the 2018 International Building Code made by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

- d. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 558 to adopt the 2018 Mechanical Code.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Mayor Townes.

Discussion: Police Chief White responded that there is only charge \$ 50.00, which cannot be exceeded.

Motion to approve by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

- e. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 559 to adopt the 2018 Plumbing Code.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Batton.

Discussion: None

Motion to approve by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Batton.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion to approve by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young.

Motion passes

- f. Discussion/ Approval to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 560 to adopt the 2018 Fuel Gas Code.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander

Discussion: There were questions concerning the meaning of the fuel gas code. It will be confirmed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Motion to approve by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion carries.

- g. Discussion/Approval on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 561 to amend the official zoning map of McKenzie to rezone tax parcels 00901-011.01 and 11.02, Group H located on Highland Drive/Hamilton Street from R2 to B2.

Motion to discuss: Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander.

Mayor Griffin stated this comes as a recommendation from the Planning Commission to move these parcels into B2 zone.

Motion to approve Ordinance 561 re-zoning of R2 to B2 made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes.

- h. Bid Opening for city street paving.

Motion to open street paving bids made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes.

Bids: Arrow Paving - \$ 158.00 per ton in place, Jones Bros - \$ 142.00 per ton, Martin Paving - \$ 155.00 per ton.

Mayor Griffin asked Public Works Director Mercer if he had anything to add on the bid qualifications. Mr. Mercer asked to award the bid to Martin because due to the stipulations that Jones had for example fuel charges, the charge could go up above the bid pricing.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Batton

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes.

- i. Discussion/Approval to approve the purchase of two (2) vehicles through Safe Street Fund.

Motion to discuss by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes.

Discussion: Mayor Griffin asked Police Chief White to explain. Chief White explained

that currently we are still in need for vehicles in addition to the four (4) we are already approved for. He explained that it would be no cost to the citizens and we still have extra money in the account after the purchases. Mayor White said they had contacted a Ford Dealership out of Murfreesboro that Pepper's had recommended we contact for 2023 F 150 trucks.

Motion to approve the 2023 F 150 Ford trucks made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

- J. Discussion/Approval on Resolution 23-003 to borrow \$360,000.00 from Bond Fund for payment on the 2023 Pierce Pumper Fire truck approved at June 9, 2022 council meeting.

Motion to discuss made by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander

Discussion: None

Motion to approve Resolution 23-003 to borrow from the Bond Fund for fire truck purchase made by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander	<u>Y</u>	Vice-Mayor Townes	<u>Y</u>
Councilperson Batton	<u>Y</u>	Councilperson Young	<u>Y</u>

Motion passes

- K. Citizens Input:

Lisa Solinger who resides 258 Old Humboldt Rd in Jackson, TN but owns property at 761 & 763 Highland asked that her property not be changed from B2 to R2.

Mayor Griffin asked if she was aware if the property was destroyed by fire or wind, etc., it could not be rebuilt as a residence in the commercial district, but if that was her desire, we could have it excluded.

- L. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker stated they are still busy working on the 1<sup>st</sup> responder program, hoping to have staff at the Sweet Tea Festival. They are also working on the brush trucks, had four (4) air packs delivered today, there were four (4) delivered today, four (4) coming with the truck and twelve (12) included in the grant. They have ordered the Fire Pup suit and a small fire

truck that they will use when visiting the school to help with their fire prevention activities. They had had 7 commercial alarms, 9 aircraft standbys, 2 structure fires, 3 medical calls, 3-MVA-no injuries, 2 grass fires, 1 cancelled enroute, 1 vehicle fire and 1 camper/RV fire for a total of 31 calls.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood said that leaks were slowing down with the cooler temperatures. Street repairs should be starting in the next few weeks. He was in the process of getting a price on a better system for topography.

Police Chief White stated that his department had answered 1,763 calls for the month of July. 938 of these were security checks for homes/business/parks, 280 vehicle stops, 103 10-43 investigations, 100 citizen assist, 50 medical and 292 various assists. He also mentioned that he was happy to welcome Jackie Sykes back for the SRO position.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated his department had been busy patching pot holes and trimming trees for the school buses. They were continuing to stay busy with their monthly household and brush pick up.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated there had just been a cross county jamboree at the park. Ten schools participated with 500-600 in attendance. Thanked Public Works for helping to get a tree removed. Fall soccer league would be starting soon.

Jim Seaton said all four of the quarantined properties have been released. Mayor Griffin stated That the gentlemen from Dyersburg who had worked with Jim through this process spoke highly of him getting all the paperwork organized.

#### L. Council Reports:

Mayor Griffin that there had been a bid opening on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for the new 2022 sewer system rehabilitation on the pump stations for the city. Mr. Jim Hilborn opened the three (3) received bids from B.A.M. 2, Inc for \$ 329,953.00, Barsto Construction Co. for \$ 447,466.60 and Norris Bros. Excavating, LLC for \$ 690,540.00. Mr. Hilborn stated that he felt that each bidder had complied with the rules and regulations of the State Contractor's Licensing Board and with this being said, B.A.M. 2, Inc was recommended to be awarded the Bid based on price and that they were an experienced and had successfully completed several similar projects.

Mayor Griffin advised the council that we had also received notice to proceed with construction on the downtown sidewalks with A2H.

The Sweet Tea Festival is approaching August 25 & 26 and there would be a celebrity dunking booth featuring Police Chief White, Fire Chief Tucker, him and some other police officers along with fire department officers.

Councilperson Batton stated she would like to thank Mayor Griffin for sending her the list of city priorities that were discussed at the council workshop.

Vice Mayor Townes wanted to thank all the department heads for doing a good job.

Councilperson Alexander stated he agreed with Vice Mayor Townes and added that he felt working together was a big plus.

Councilperson Young said he just wanted to mention that our school was starting football season and the kids would be doing a good job and needed our support.

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:49 P.M.

Motion carried.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Ryan Griffin, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk