

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
February 9, 2023

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer – Councilperson Alexander

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Alexander

D. Roll Call

Mayor Griffin -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Alexander -	Present
Councilperson Armpriest -	Present
Councilperson Batton -	Present
Councilperson Pruneau -	Present
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 Batton, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the January 12,2023 minutes.

Motion carries.

G. Financial Matters:

None were presented

H Old Business:

None

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/approval for Police to purchase a 2014 Tahoe.

It was explained by Mayor Griffin to the council that the same Firehouse in Virginia had this additional vehicle for sale and not going through Gov Deals we would only pay \$ 26,000.00 due to saving the surge charge from Gov Deals. This vehicle actually has less mileage than the previous purchased vehicle.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest to make the purchase, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

b. 1<sup>st</sup> reding for Ordinance # 550 to amend the text of the zoning ordinance of McKenzie by amending Chapter 9, provisions governing Industrial Districts, Section 11-902, M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Districts Number (1) uses permitted, letter (a) be amended to include language for general merchandise.

Council Young who is the Planning Commission liaison explained that all the council is doing at this time is approving the text. The zoning itself will go back to the Planning Commission for approval.

Motion made by Councilperson Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Arm Priest

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

c. 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Ordinance # 551 to amend the text of the zoning ordinance of McKenzie by amending Chapter 7, provisions governing Business districts, section 11-702, B-2 (Highway Business) districts, number (1) uses permitted letter (B) services, be amended to include medical clinics.

Mayor Griffin explained that this needed to be amended in order to allow a medical clinic to be included in the B-2 district.

There was no further discussion at this time.

Motion made by Councilperson Arm Priest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Batton

Roll Call Vote:

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

d. 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Ordinance # 552 to amend Chapter 4 general provisions, of the zoning ordinance concerning accessory structures.

Much discussion concerning people who had especially satellite dishes that they have to be screened or recessed. Councilperson Young indicated that he thought that was talking about the large older satellite dishes. It was also questioned if codes would inform citizens with pools on a visible side yard to put up fencing.

Motion made by Councilperson Alexander to send ordinance # 552 back to the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Alexander Y  
Councilperson Armpriest Y  
Councilperson Batton Y

Councilperson Pruneau Y  
Vice-Mayor Townes Y  
Councilperson Young Y

J. Citizens Input:  
None

K. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported his department had worked a total of 31 incidents during the month of January. 9 of these were commercial fires, 4 for EMS Assist and for motor vehicle accidents, 3 for aircraft stand bys, residential alarms and smoke investigations with several other incidents.

Chief Tucker also commented that Mayor Griffin had called Representative Tandy Darby's Office and asked if he would rewrite their grant on the air packs and because of that we have received 4 new ones, which are much needed to go safely into a fire.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated his department was working on their regular job of fixing leaks and sewers.

Police Chief White stated that his department had answered 853 calls for the month, 222 for vehicle stops, 194 were for Security checks – Home/Business/Parks, 104 for investigations 10-43, 57 citizens assist, and numerous other calls. He took this time to thank the council for letting the department purchase the vehicles from Virginia and for being able to purchase the additional ones. With his personnel now to sixteen (16) this was much needed.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated they were patching pot holes, continuing with their weekly brush and household picks and servicing equipment.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated that they were servicing their equipment. He stated the middle school ballfields were in shape. High school will be starting soon. The pickleball court fence is completed now. The lighting there is complete except for one pole. They will be coating the court end of April or first part of May due to specific temperature needed.

Jim Seaton represented the Codes Department. He informed the council that there were four properties in process. Two had been cleaned, one would be coming down this week, and the

fourth property had an appeal which added thirty (30) additional days.

L. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young - who stated he was very excited about the success of the football team and the proclamation the coach and team received.

Councilperson Arm Priest: No report

Councilperson Alexander: No report

Vice Mayor Townes: No report

Councilperson Batton: Had questions she had received from citizens and wanted to have them answered at the council meeting for the public knowledge.

(1) Concerning the school crossing. She was happy to hear that an ad was being published to hire a crossing guard.

(2) Asked about the December citizen who had concerns about neighbor's dog. Vice Mayor Townes answered that he and Councilperson Young had gone there to inspect the area and felt that everything was as it should be concerning the fenced area and the dog house. He stated that they had informed her of their findings.

(3) Asked if there was a spending cap on travel. Mayor Griffin said there was a line item for each department on the monthly report that stated the travel expense that had been approved for the budget and the monthly amount and year to date expenditures.

(4) Asked how the money was handled at the theater. City Recorder Waldrup explained that Each time the theater was open for a movie, that two of the four workers counted before opening the amount designated for both the ticket booth and concession stand and signed the correct amount was there. At the end, two workers counted the boxes again, wrote the amount counted and then did a deposit, leaving in the box the appropriate starting amount for the next opening. The deposits are taken to the bank and deposited by two workers.

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Arm Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

Motion carried.

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

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