

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
January 12, 2023

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer – Councilperson Young

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Young

D. Roll Call

Mayor Griffin - Present
Vice Mayor Townes - Present
Councilperson Alexander - Present
Councilperson Arm Priest - 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 December 8, 2022 minutes.

Motion carries.

G. Financial Matters:

A 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe of the Police Department was totaled on December 23, 2022 due to icy roads. Chief White was able to locate on Gov. Deals a 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe with only 45,000 miles. He received permission to bid up to \$26,000.00 for the vehicle due to being an emergency situation. The difference between the city and insurance company is \$ 11,000.00 Chief White explained that the difference would come from the Safe Street account. Motion made by Councilperson Alexander, 2nd by Councilperson Young to approve the purchase.

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>

H Old Business:
None

I. New Business:

a. Discussion/approval concerning purchase of a snow plow. Mayor Griffin told council and audience that this was one of his main agendas for the citizens. He was happy to say that Public Works had the \$ 10,266.40 available in capital outlay to purchase. The purchase comes from the State approved Source well program. The company on the Source well site is Tri-Green. Mayor Griffin asked Public Works Supervisor Mercer to talk about the snow plow. Mr. Mercer explained the plow had a 5-year warranty. It is spring loaded, so it won't tear up the street by hanging on a pot hole. He stated that we had been lucky the last few years to not have a big snow.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest to make the purchase, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

b. Discussion/approval for the size of the football championship sign. Councilperson Pruneau stated that we are not in the sign business. Mayor Griffin stated he did not approve of changing the size of the sign from what other state championship teams had. He also stated that TDOT said there should be no signs to be on the Right of Way. Council felt like the team should be able to get as big a sign as they wanted as long as they received the same amount of \$ 1,053.80 the girls' basketball team received. Councilperson Young said the coach approached him with the size of the sign they wanted. Councilperson Batton said our involvement should end with the donation of the funds.

Motion made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2nd by Vice Mayor Townes

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

J. Citizens Input:

Veronica Davis of 51 Alabama Street had asked to address the council concerning the city dog ordinance. She stated that our ordinance was ineffective due to her experience with an episode in the prior year. She feels that even though her neighbor does not have the dogs he had before that attacked her dog, she said that he now has different dogs that he is breeding and that she feels will once again be vicious. She stated that he was not obeying his deal with the DA and that his fencing and dog kennel were not what was agreed upon either.

K. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported his department had worked a total of 37 incidents during the month of December. 10 of which were motor vehicle accidents, 8 for EMS Assist, 7 smoke investigations and various others. Chief Tucker also had a calendar year report of 293 incidents complete with response time, total time and number of personnel responding for the 2022 calendar end.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated his department was working on the new CDBG grant requirements stating the engineer state environmental are now done.

Police Chief White stated that his department had answered 855 calls for the month, 227 for vehicle stops, 207 were for Security checks – Home/Business/Parks, 77 citizens assist, 68 for investigations 10-43 and numerous other calls.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works reported the animal control officer had passed away on Christmas Eve. They had removed the Christmas lights and were busy with keeping up with household and brush pickups.

Jim Seaton for the Codes Department reported working on the condemnation of four residences. Two which were in the 60-day appeals period, and two were in the 120-day appeal time.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated that they were continuing to clean leaves around the park area. They had finished removing the Christmas décor and had it stored away.

L. Council Reports:

Councilperson Batton had several questions concerning city happenings: One was the status of the new Dollar General Store and was answered it was approved at the planning commission meeting, but dropped at the November council meeting for lack of vote. She questioned the Christmas bonus and was informed it was included in the 2022-2023 budget passed in June. She asked why a piece of furniture was sold on Facebook, and again answered that no one in the city government or city properties wanted it and it had now been removed. She asked about files being removed from the former mayor's office and was told from now on all information would be sent to a backup system and sent to the cloud. She asked about the new sign on Hwy 22 and University and was told that TDOT had submitted a letter from their lawyers stating it

was in the right of way and we had been given a certain amount of time to have it removed. Lastly stated her concern about the middle school crossing and the vehicles that passed vehicle in line for school pick up. Asked why the SRO's did not manage this. She was told we are not in charge of the SRO's, but Chief White said they would try to be there to help with traffic control.

- M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Batton, 2nd by Vice-Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:53 P.M.

Motion carried.

APPROVED: _____
Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk