

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

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer – Councilperson Townes

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Townes

D. Roll Call

Mayor Griffin -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Alexander -	Present
Councilperson Arm Priest -	Present
Councilperson Batton -	Absent
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 Arm Priest, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes.

Motion carries.

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. Old Business:

None

I. New Business:

a. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 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.

Discussion: None

Motion made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays

b. 2<sup>nd</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.

Discussion: None

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Alexander

Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays

#### I. New Business:

a. Discussion/approval for Planning Commission new member – A.J. Maxwell

Mayor Griffin stated that since Mr. Maxwell had a surveying background, Planning Commission Chairman Brian Winston felt he would be a good fit for the committee.

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

Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays

b. Discussion/approval for Housing Authority new member – Karen Fowler

Mayor Griffin informed the council that Ms. Fowler would be replacing Garrett Burns. He felt that Ms. Fowler would be a good asset to that board.

Motion made by Councilperson Pruneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays

c. 1<sup>st</sup> reading for reading for Ordinance # 552 To amend Chapter 4, General Provisions, of the zoning ordinance of McKenzie, TN by adding a new section 11-421 “Accessory Structures & Uses”

Mayor Griffin stated that this ordinance had been sent back to delete the satellite from line 6 per request of council in the February meeting. This does not apply to small housing and things that are grandfathered in.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Townes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Pruneau

Motion carries with 5 ayes, 0 nays

J. Citizens Input:  
None

K. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Brian Tucker reported his department had worked a total of 29 incidents during the month of February. 13 of these were commercial alarms, 6 for motor vehicle accidents, 3 for EMS Assist with several other incidents.

Chief Tucker also let the council know they had just taken possession of their two new red Ford Explorers they had gotten through Enterprise. The new pickup that was ordered is now in production.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood stated his department was working on their regular job of fixing leaks and sewers. A list to PRI has also been submitted for repairing potholes.

Police Chief White stated that his department had answered 786 calls for the month, 258 for vehicle stops, 120 were for Security checks – Home/Business/Parks, 66 citizens assist, 65 for investigations 10-43 and numerous other calls. Chief White also spoke about the VCIF grant for \$ 80,000.00 that is for the purchase of two additional new vehicles, which will not cost our citizens anything.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works stated his department was still picking up brush from the previous weeks storm damage. He took this time to thank fire and police for their help in both removing limbs from the street and vehicle control while they were working.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated that middle school ball was in full swing, and high school ball would be starting the next week. He added that his crew was still cleaning damage from last week's storm and had been fortunate enough that some of the high school players had come out and helped clean. He mentioned there was one more light to be installed at the pickle ball court, Mayor Griffin added that with the new system, lights were on for certain time periods, and if additional time was wanted, you could press it to come back on. Director Hollowell also let everyone know that he had hired a seasonal employee.

Philip Morrissett with Code stated it was hard to tell someone to clean up after the storm. Jim Seaton with Codes Department said there was two currently in the appeal process for condemnation and we had gotten two others removed.

Jennifer Waldrup reported that we had gotten our new phone systems set, so customers could go to the department they wanted, which was saving the ladies in the office a lot of time not having to answer all the department calls, then transferring them. We are also working on getting our property taxes on line, which has been a big request from our citizens.

L. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young - who stated he wanted to say how happy the citizens on Tennessee Street were since that street had been under-going a big clean up.

Councilperson Armpriest: Asked where we were on the Crosswalk Guard. Was informed that no one submitted an application.

Councilperson Alexander: No report

Vice Mayor Townes: No report

Mayor Griffin talked about the Cad System and how helpful E911 has been to help us out. They have offered to give us the program for the advance mapping that will provide more help to E911 and is valued at \$ 10,000.00. The Rapid SOS will track calls before they are even answered. We are really thankful for all their help.

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice-Mayor Townes to adjourn at 6:21 P.M.

Motion carried.

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

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