

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
September 14, 2023

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer – Councilperson Pruneau

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Pruneau

D. Roll Call

Mayor Griffin -	Present
Vice Mayor Townes -	Present
Councilperson Alexander -	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 Vice Mayor Townes, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau to approve the August 10, 2023 minutes.

Motion carries.

G. Financial Matters:

None

H. Old Business:

a. Discussion/Approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 555 to adopt the 2018 International Residential Code.

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt the adopt the 2018 International Residential Code by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young.

Motion passes

b. Discussion/Approval to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 556 to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes

- c. Discussion/Approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 557 to adopt the 2018 International Building Code.

Discussion: None

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

Motion passes

- d. Discussion/Approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 558 to adopt the 2018 International Mechanical Code.

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt the adopt the 2018 International Mechanical Code by Vice Mayor Townes , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Pruneau.

Motion passes

- e. Discussion/Approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 559 to adopt the 2018 International Plumbing Code

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt the adopt the 2018 International Plumbing Code by Councilperson Batton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes

Motion passes

- f. Discussion/Approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 560 to adopt the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code.

Discussion: Councilperson Young asked Codes Enforcer Seaton if we knew what the fuel gas code meant and was told it concerns the alternate fuels used in residence, such as propane and natural gas.

Motion to adopt the 2018 Internal Fuel Gas Code by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Pruneau.

Motion passes.

- g. Discussion/approval to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 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.

Discussion: None

Motion to adopt the adopt the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 561 amending the official zoning maps of McKenzie by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young.

Motion passes

#### I New Business:

- a. Discussion/Approval on 1st reading of the amended Ordinance 554 to amend the official zoning map to rezone tax parcels 008.00, 009.00, ad 009.01, Group D, Map 011 located on Forrest Ave. from R4 to R3 owned by Clarence Billingsley (008.00) and Parkwood Enterprises LLC (009.00 & 009.01)

Discussion: Mayor Griffin explained this Ordinance had been amended to remove the property owned by Lisa Solinger as she wanted to remain to be zoned commercial.

Motion to approve amended Ordinance 554 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>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>		

Motion passes.

- b. Discussion/approval for repairs for water tank. Cost for Water tank telemetry is \$ 32,500.00

Discussion: Councilperson Pruneau asked if these repairs were for the water tank itself and was told by Superintend Wood that it was for equipment in the water plant that “talks” from water plant to city hall identifying how much water was in the water tanks. It can be done by either phone lines, cell phones or radios. Parts have been ordered by the Thomas Control, the company that installed all the equipment and who has been doing maintenance on the equipment for years.

Motion to approve the water tank telemetry made by Councilperson Pruneau, 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>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>		

Motion passes.

- c. Discussion/approval of Resolution 23-004 to authorize the issuance of interest bearing Police Department capital outlay notes, Series 2023.

Discussion: Mayor Griffin explained that by using the bond fund to purchase and not using Enterprise we would be saving quite a bit of money because of the interest rate. It was just cheaper to a note and pay from SRO Funding.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-004 made 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>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>		

Motion passes

- d. Discussion/approval of Resolution 23-005 to authorize the donation of 1989 pumper truck to Carroll County Fire Department

Discussion: Councilperson Young asked if we had tried to sell the pumper truck. Chief Tucker responded that there had been a \$ 10,000.00 bid reserve placed on the truck and the highest bid had only been \$ 6,000.00. Councilperson Young asked if he could sell it now and still get the \$ 6,000.00 bid. Chief Tucker said it would have to go back to be bid again, and said with the AFG Grant Awards that departments were buying new equipment, not used. It would be make a good truck for a small community. Councilperson Batton said we had to remember that McKenzie matters and that money belongs to the City of McKenzie and would benefit the people of McKenzie. Chief Tucker responded by saying he had raised almost \$ 60,000.00 with fire contracts from out of the city limits to apply to the fire truck payment in the last two years. Councilperson Alexander said he felt like by donating the truck if it saved even one home, it was more than worth the \$ 6,000.00 we might possibly get if it went back to the auction. Councilperson Pruneau agreed with Councilperson Alexander that if giving truck saved one home it was worth it.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-005 to donate the truck was made by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Pruneau.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

- e. Discussion/approval to concur with the State of Tennessee equalized property tax rates for tax year 2023

Discussion: Mayor Griffin explained that we were informed after we had submitted our budget that we were notified that Weakley County had changed their property tax rate, and because McKenzie is located within three counties, we had to recalculate all our rates.

Previous 2023/2024 budget

New equalized rate:

Carroll	1.0097	0.9884
Henry	1.0097	1.0326
Weakley	1.0661	0.7946

Motion to approved the equalized tax rate for the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget 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>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>		

- f. Discussion/approval to appoint Carolyn Moore to Library Board for a 3-year term.

Discussion: None

Motion to approved Carolyn Moore to the Library Board was made by Councilperson Pruneau, 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>
Councilperson Pruneau	<u>Y</u>		

- g. Discussion/approval of the Petition to de-annex properties 433, 487 & 586 Carroll St. (Holland Farms)

Discussion: None

Motion to not accept the petition made by Councilperson Alexander. Motion fails due to lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

K. Citizens Input:

None

L. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief Tucker stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders program had good results at the Sweet Tea Festival. They had had 15 commercial alarms, 6 aircraft standbys, 3 structure fires, 17 medical calls, 2-MVA-no injuries, 1 other fires, 1 controlled burn, 1 smoke alarm and 1 good intent call for a total of 54 calls.

Water Superintendent Billy Wood said that leaks were slowing down, working on sewer issues and mentioned that PRI should start paving the street cuts starting tomorrow (9-15-23)

Police Chief White stated that his department had answered 1,412 calls for the month of August. 516 of these were security checks for homes/business/parks, 305 vehicle stops, 84 10-43 investigations, 85 citizen assist, 70 medical and 352 various assists.

Superintendent Johnny Mercer with Public Works said they were still in the process of trimming trees that are over hanging the streets. Servicing equipment is on-going.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated middle school softball would be finishing this week. Fall high school softball was beginning. He stated he was proud of his crew for their work since he was still on medical leave. He said he did stay in contact with them a couple of times daily. Director Hollowell said they were still keeping up with yard mowing and mentioned tonight was the last Nights on Broadway performance.

Jim Seaton reported that 21 of the 34 citations for the month had been resolved. He also mentioned that condemnation of a building on Booker St had happened earlier in the day.

L. Council Reports:

Councilperson Pruneau had nothing

Councilperson Batton stated that she did not understand the procedure of how the meeting had been run. She stated that she had not had time to review things before the meeting. Mayor Griffin responded that the agenda and all the information relating to it had been sent to her the prior Friday.

Vice Mayor Townes had nothing.

Councilperson Alexander had nothing

Councilperson Young said he wanted to commend the Fire Department. He said their always kept their department clean, neat and nothing could be done without good leadership.

M. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilperson Young to adjourn at 6:29 P.M.

Motion carried.

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

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