

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
City of McKenzie  
McKenzie, TN 38201  
April 10, 2024

A. Call to Order – Mayor Griffin

B. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance – Councilperson Alexander

C. Roll Call

Vice Mayor Townes - Present

Councilperson Alexander – Present

Councilperson Armpriest - Present

Councilperson Batton - Absent

Councilperson Pruneau - Present

Councilperson Young - Present

D. Mayor's Welcome:

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

E. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Councilperson Alexander, seconded by Vice Mayor Townes, to approve the minutes dated March 14, 2024.

Motion carries

F. Financial Matters:

None presented.

G. Old Business:

Discussion/Approval on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 564 to amend text of Zoning Ordinance stipulating manufactured homes permanent foundations.

No discussion.

Motion to approve Ordinance 564 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Alexander.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young

Y

Vice Mayor Townes

Y

Councilperson Armpriest

Y

Councilperson Pruneau

Y

Councilperson Alexander

Y

Motion carries.

H. New Business:

- a. Discussion /Approval of Resolution 24-001 to adopt the State holiday calendar.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Alexander to adopt the State holiday calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Pruneau	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y		

Motion passes

- b. Discussion/Approval to purchase a F150 & F250 water department truck under State contract.

Mayor Griffin stated this purchase would come from the same fund that was used for the repair of the well, there was no additional discussion.

Motion to purchase trucks under State contract made by Councilperson Alexander, second by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Pruneau	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y		

Motion passes

- c. Discussion/Approval on 1<sup>st</sup> reading for Ordinance 565 to amend the text on permitted uses in B-1, B-3 and B-4 (Local Business Districts)

Mayor Griffing informed the council that this ordinance came from the Planning Commission. There was no further discussion.

Motion to amend the text on permitted uses in B-1, B-3 and B-4 Districts made by Councilperson Alexander, second by Councilperson Armpriest.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Pruneau	

Councilperson Alexander            Y

Motion carries

- d. Discussion/Approval on 1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Fireworks Ordinance 566 concerning age limits, and purchase times.

Discussion: No discussion due to the workshop meeting with Bert & Matt Hudgins prior to the meeting and the coordination of the State rules concerning fireworks.

Motion made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Vice Mayor Townes to amend the Fireworks Ordinance to match that of the State ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Pruneau	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y		

Motion passes

- e. Discussion/Approval on 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 567 to Amend Ordinance 324 relating to State Wastewater Regulations.

Discussion: Mayor Griffin explained that the State requires us to periodically amend the ordinance concerning local sewer effluent limits for industrial class customers. He asked Water Superintendent Umstead if he had anything to add. Superintendent Umstead said that some of the chemical ranges have changed, and we are required to reflect that in our reports. He also stated that people who have a septic service and use our wastewater plant are required to be permitted.

Motion to pass Ordinance 567 that amends the original Ordinance 324 concerning wastewater regulations was made by Councilperson Pruneau, second by Councilperson Young.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilperson Young	Y	Vice Mayor Townes	Y
Councilperson Armpriest	Y	Councilperson Pruneau	Y
Councilperson Alexander	Y		

Motion passes

- I. Citizens Input:  
None

J. Department Head Reports:

Chief Tucker with Fire Department stated they had responded to 55 calls. 19 EMS calls, party transported by non-fire agency, 5 of medical assist -EMS crew, 5 alarm system activations, 5 dispatched & cancel, 5 aircraft standbys, and various other calls. Chief Tucker had also attached a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter incident report showing 169 responded calls that also proved the importance of the newly organized EMS crew, which includes 18 licensed Fire Department employees and 2 licensed Police Department employees.

Water Superintendent Earnest Umstead stated things were going well with his department. He said the new well was now working very well, and very fortunate to say the new roof on the water department was finished before all the rain showers, we were having now. They had been busy cleaning up around both the water and sewer departments both.

Police Chief White reported his department had responded to 1472 calls this month. The officers had 716 security checks, 179 traffic stops, 90 extra patrols, 72 log informations, 61 ambulance assist, 35 suspicious person and various other calls. All the new trucks were on the road now. The SRO vehicles had new graphics to help identify them.

Public Works Supervisor Johnny Mercer said his crew had been busy cleaning up a lot of the ditches. Hopefully in a few weeks they should be able to start getting some hot mix to fix water cuts and some of the smaller holes They were staying busy running the weekly route pick-ups of household and tree & limbs.

Jim Seaton, Codes Department reported he had thirty-three (33) grass violations since last Friday. He said there had been 3 new buildings put on the condemnation list and 2 properties that had been repaired.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell said the park was in full swing. The soccer league had started on Saturday, girl's jamboree on Sunday. They had been able to remove the old net from the batting cage and replace it. Staying busy with mowing and weed-eating.

K. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young committed the new sidewalks in the downtown. Said they were very nice and was excited for the new lighting to be installed.

Councilperson Armpriest had nothing.

Councilperson Alexandre said he just wanted to let the Fire Dept know he was proud of all their new training and the ES services, shows that we are really working hard for the betterment of our citizens.

Vice Mayor Townes had nothing

Councilperson Pruneau had nothing.

Mayor Griffin informed the council that there had been some issues with the quality of the sidewalks along Cedar. Not sure at this time, if it is a result of the concrete mix, or if the salt DOT sprayed caused the issue. It is in the process of having a 3<sup>rd</sup> party opinion on who needs to pay for the replacement.

- L. With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Mayor Townes to adjourn at 5:18 P.M.

Motion carried

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

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