

Regular Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
City of McKenzie
McKenzie, TN 38201
December 14, 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 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 Armpriest, seconded by Councilperson Pruneau, to approve the minutes dated November 9, 2023.

Motion carries

G. Financial Matters:

None presented

H. Old Business:

a. Discussion/Approval on 2nd reading of Ordinance 562 to amend the city's schedule of building permit fees.

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Armpriest, second by Councilperson Young

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

I. New Business:

a. Discussion /Approval to recommend the following to the McKenzie Industrial Board.

1. 2 yr term: Ricky Price

2. 6 yr Term: Mark Anderson

Chuck Sission

John Wright

Motion to approve made by Councilperson Alexander, second by Councilperson Pruneau

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

- b. Discussion/Approval to recommend Earnest Umsted to the position of Water/Sewer Department Supervisor effective January 1, 2024.

Councilperson Armpriest asked if the city had to post the position or if we could simply promote within. City Attorney Pemberton explained that if the city has an employee with the qualifications, certifications, and experience, the person could be promoted and the job would not have to be posted.

Motion to approve by Councilperson Young, second by Councilperson Alexander.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion passes

J. Citizens Input: none

K. Department Head Reports:

Jason Arnold, Fire Department stated they had responded to 63 calls. 27 calls for the medical program for the month of November, 2 structure fires and some wrecks. They have the Christmas for Kids program which raised \$8000 and will benefit 26 children.

Earnest Umstead stated the water department was having a better week/month. Last month there was a disruption of service when a main line was cut causing customers to be out of service for 24 hours

Justin Brister, Police stated they responded to 1292 calls and some of the new vehicles were on the roads. The K-9 Tahoe is painted and is in use.

Justin Wilkes, Public Works stated leaf pick up was on a weekly route to get all of the customers serviced. They repaired a sidewalk and the oil burner at the shop saving the city some money.

Jim Seaton, Codes Department stated he has 14 new code violations and a few left from the summer that he is working on. New sign for Sonic should in place next week and Old West Steakhouse sign should be in place in the next three weeks. The old Gaines Building across from Dollar Tree has given the city a 90 day timeline to clean up the property.

Parks Director Billy Hollowell stated his team was pruning trees, performing maintenance on equipment, painting and had all of the Christmas decoration in place.

L. Council Reports:

Councilperson Young stated Merry Christmas to everyone. Be thankful for your many blessings and to pray for those in need.

Councilperson Armpriest stated she had nothing.

Councilperson Alexander thanked the department heads for the job they do each and every day. He also asked if everyone has seen the new logo and asked for thoughts.

Vice Mayor Townes stated he had nothing.

Councilperson Batton stated that she had some positive and negative feedback about the new city logo and added that she told people that the rebranding of the city was on Mayor Griffin's agenda and she did not want to hear complaints. She stated a marketing strategy is always difficult because you have to get buy in. She thanked everyone for their patience and stated sitting on this side of the table was often difficult and she was proud of the team that was here. She knows that McKenzie will continue to grow. Merry Christmas.

Councilperson Pruneau stated Merry Christmas and he was glad to have Councilperson Batton back.

Mayor Griffin thanked everyone for the year, stating he was honored and blessed to sit in this role. He is excited to see what 2024 holds

- M.** With no further business, a motion was made by Councilperson Armpriest, 2nd by Councilperson Pruneau to adjourn at 6:22 P.M.

Motion carried

APPROVED: _____
Ryan Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jennifer Waldrup, City Recorder-City Clerk