

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Evie Fox, Brooks Klinnert, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Attorney Jason Butts and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

Members Absent: None.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Wiertzema administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected City Council Member, Brooks Klinnert.

Open Discussion: None.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda included the following:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on December 16, 2024.
- B. Motion to file the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission regular meeting of December 16, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Baseball Association.
- D. Motion approving an Off Sale Liquor License and Cigarette/Tobacco License for Northdale Oil, Inc. d/b/a Northdale Oil – Breckenridge. (former Poets Warehouse Liquors and Blazer Express)

Rob Jirak from the Breckenridge Fire Department informed the Council that the Wahpeton Fire Department would like to partner with Breckenridge on the Bull Bash fundraising event. They would like to hold it in Welles Memorial Park at the Derby site on Headwaters Day. It would be a great addition to the parade and vendors in the park. The fire departments would run the liquor sales, food sales, and dance after the Bull Bash. Council Member Meyer moved to support the Bull Bash being held in Welles Memorial Park during Headwaters Day along with the Breckenridge and Wahpeton Fire Departments running the event. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13484-1/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13485-2/2025, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A PAY EQUITY REPORT FROM THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This report showed the City in compliance.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 530 – an ordinance extending the corporate limits of the City of Breckenridge. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This land is located by the hospital. The reason for the length of time between readings is the developer wanted to wait but is now ready to continue with the project.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13486-3/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 530, AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13487-4/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VOTING OPERATIONS, TECHNOLOGY & ELECTION RESOURCES ACCOUNT AGREEMENT WITH WILKIN COUNTY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This allows the County to keep all funds allocated for administrating the election and maintaining the voting equipment.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13488-5/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WAHPETON DAILY NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13489-6/2025, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR CITY FUNDS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – No updates
- C. Police – No updates
- D. Personnel – No updates
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – No updates

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – end of the year reporting.
- B. City Attorney – Jason would like to suggest that the Council implement a form for the open comment period of the meetings. It would allow a certain time to talk and must state the nature of the topic along with what can/cannot be discussed. The consensus was to have him draft a form.
- C. Director of Public Services – Neil was wondering if the decorations on the light poles along the walk path be left up a bit longer. They will stay until the end of the month.
- D. Building Official/Codes – The 2024 Annual Report of Permits Issued was presented along with the comparison from 2023. The big difference was the commercial building of St. Mary’s new school and the 7 spec houses that were built in Gewalt Park Addition.
- E. Chief of Police – Yield signs went up on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street along Nebraska Avenue. There has been more traffic since the new school has been built.

Mayor’s Comments:

New appointments were made for 2025 to various committees

<u>Member</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Scott Nicholson	Port Authority	December 2030
Dennis Larson	Port Authority	December 2030
Hope Karlgaard	Public Utilities Commission	March 2028
Bryon Blair	Planning Commission	March 2028
Kelli Kressin	Library Board	January 2027
Amy Beasley	Library Board	January 2028
Pennie Landow	Library Board	January 2028
Stephanie Sandbakken	SVEDA	January 2027

Brooks Klinnert – will replace Reed on the Personnel & Active Living committees

Beth Meyer – will replace Reed on Police Committee

Chris Vedder – will be off of the Three Rivers Arts Council and replace Reed on the Port Authority

Evie Fox – will now be the Council liaison for the Library Board

Other Comments:

- RRVWSP – Neil updated the Council on the project status and informed them that Wahpeton needs an answer on what Breckenridge is going to do. The Council can decide not to participate, ask Wahpeton to include an allocation of 1.5 million cfs or .75 million cfs for Breckenridge. Since Wahpeton is on the North Dakota side, they will be

the ones entering into a Memorandum of Commitment with the RRVWSP and are allowed to include Breckenridge with any water amounts that we would like to be included with.

If the City wants to just make sure their residents are covered with water if something happens to our aquifer, we would only need .75 million cfs. If we would like to make sure we have enough in case an industrial business wants to build here, we would need to ask for 1.5 million cfs. The exact cost will not be known until all of the cities have decided to opt in or out. Right now the estimated amount for the .75 million cfs would be around \$4.45 per month per paying water account.

If decided to proceed, an agreement would be entered into with the City of Wahpeton as they would be the one asking for our amounts on our behalf. The City can always decide not to proceed within the next year when more details are available.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to notify Wahpeton to include the City of Breckenridge for 1.5 million cfs for the RRVWSP project. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator