

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on July 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer (5:08 pm), Evie Fox, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

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.

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

- A. Motion approving the minutes from the regular City Council meeting on July 1, 2024.
- B. Motion approving a quote from Code 4 Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2861.15 for the installation of computer equipment in the Police 2022 Explorer. (paid out of Capital Outlay)
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit application for the Breckenridge Senior Citizens Center.
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit application and Gambling Exempt Permit for St. Mary of the Presentation Church.

Personnel Committee:

- Starting union negotiations.
- Amended the Education Assistance policy

Finance Committee – no updates.

Public Works Committee:

- Discussed the relocation of the dedication plaque from the Minnesota Avenue gazebo. Neil Crocker informed the Council that plaque has been removed and the gazebo will be removed on Thursday.

Police Committee Chair Wermerskirchen gave the following updates: Meeting tomorrow.

Active Living Committee:

- Reviewed the trail survey.
- Discussed the ball storage units and bikes.

Three Rivers Art Council:

- Submitted a grant for the 3 time and got turned down. Will not be meeting next month.

Unfinished Business:

- A letter was received from the Wilkin County Commissioners giving notice to the City that the Police Department must vacate the Law Enforcement Center by December 13, 2024. The City LEC Committee will be meeting in the next day or two to discuss this.

New Business:

Along with a meeting salary notice, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13450-36/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13451-37/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTION 17.10 – NEPOTISM, OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. Council Member Wermerskirchen thought there was too much grey area in the wording but thought it can be fine-tuned at a later date.

Open Discussion:

- Life Saving Award was presented to Police Chief Kristopher Karlgaard for an incident on June 17<sup>th</sup> when he performed CPR on an individual who was not breathing in his vehicle.
- Recognition of Police Officer Blake Olson who has been with the department since 2017 but will be transferring to another department.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator: Meeting with staff to go through next year’s budgets.
- B. City Attorney: Going through cannabis updates and working on rental inspection ordinance.
- C. Director of Public Services: Reminder of RRVWSP meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 held at Breckenridge City Hall. This is for City and County officials to discuss many of the questions that still need answered. Once they get a list narrowed down, another meeting will be held with the representatives of RRVWSP so the group can ask them all of the questions at one time.
- D. Building Official/Codes: Continuing to write debris letters and working on getting the rental inspection procedure program in place.

- E. Chief of Police: Mayor Wilson requested that the meeting be closed to allow the Council to discuss and decide certain issues relating to emergency response procedures and/or to make recommendations regarding public services, specifically the Breckenridge Police Department. Motion by Council Member Fox to close the City Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to reopen the Council meeting. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Comments: Reminder of the Headwaters Music Festival.

City Council Member Comments: Council Member Vedder would like to see the garbage bills put on the City utility bills. Too many older people are being taken advantage of when their bills are put on autopay. This would also help with the garbage sitting on people's property as many don't want to sign up and pay for garbage services so it just sits there or they put it in other peoples' containers or even a business container. The Police Committee will discuss it at their next meeting.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator