

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Evie Fox, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, and Chris Vedder. City Attorney Jason Butts and Finance Officer Isaac Jordahl.

Members Absent: Council Member Scott Wermerskirchen and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

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

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the additions of a pay request from Central Specialties in the amount of \$1,357,854.08 and pay request from Kindred Heating & Plumbing in the amount of \$366,872.73 to the bills and claims and also adding 7C - A resolution approving a contract with the AFSCME union. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion:

- Travis Myhra was present and wanted to discuss complaints he has filed with the Police Department that he felt were false reports. Since the complaints have been investigated already, he was directed to leave the information with the Council Members and they can review them and contact him if they have further questions.

Council Member Vedder would like to have a process in place so people can be heard. Chief Karlgaard informed her that they do have a process in place and Mr. Myhra has been heard multiple times. He has even been in front of a judge but was not happy with the outcome so he keeps filing complaints. If anyone is interested in viewing the Police Department complaint process, they are free to contact Chief Karlgaard and he can go through it with them.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski 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 November 4, 2024, and Canvassing Board meeting on November 14, 2024.
- B. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Richland-Wilkin Pro-Life.

A public hearing was held regarding the Enterprise Zone (Border Cities Tax) Credits for various businesses. There were no comments from the public.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13469-55/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE CREDIT APPLICATION AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN BUSINESSES AS**

RECOMMENDED BY THE BRECKENRIDGE PORT AUTHORITY,” and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer asked if the State has lifted the freeze on lodging tax yet. City Attorney Butts was not sure but said he will look into it.

Along with a meeting salary list and the two added pay requests, Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13470-56/2024, **“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. Five new or expanding businesses will be receiving credits this year.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13471-57/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KRISTOPHER KARLGAARD TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT ACCESS (MGA) SYSTEM,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously. The City Attorney has access to look up certain cases and this will now give the Police Department access.

After several negotiations with the Personnel Committee and union representatives, an agreement has been reached. Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13472-58/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LABOR BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL UNION 210 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: Working on prioritizing how to spend the remaining ARPA funds.
- B. Public Works Committee: No updates.
- C. Police Committee: No updates.
- D. LEC Committee, Special Assessment, Active Living, Arts Council, Library: No updates.
- E. Personnel Committee: No updates.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator: No updates.
- B. City Attorney: No updates.
- C. Director of Public Services: Crews are working on getting the Christmas lights up.
- D. Building Official: Still out on leave.
- E. Chief of Police: The FTO training two officers going well.

Mayor’s Comments: Tree lighting event will be held Tuesday, December 3rd.

Other Comments: Someone brought up the issue of jaywalking at Minnesota Avenue and 5th Street again to Chief Karlgaard. He told her that it has been a topic of discussion before and the City is still trying to come up with a good solution. The Mayor is going to call the individual about her concerns.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

ISAAC JORDAHL, Finance Officer