

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on November 4, 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, 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 Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Members from the Children’s Discovery Center gave an update and presentation on their new location. They have taken ownership of the old movie theatre. They showed a layout of the different areas/themes that will be included in the building. They also submitted an application for funding to the City for RWJPA funds. A committee is being formed to discuss the procedures to apply for the RWJPA funds via the City.

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 October 21, 2024.
- B. Motion approving an Audit Engagement Letter between the City and CarlsonSV for the 2024 financial audit services.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13466-52/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13467-53/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF RYAN HALVERSON AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. Officer Halverson was then administered the Oath of Office and was welcomed to the City.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: No updates
- B. Public Works Committee: No updates.
- C. Police Committee:
 - Interviewed a potential full-time officer
 - Working on getting the Police Department moved into City Hall

- D. LEC Committee, Special Assessment, Active Living, Arts Council, Library: No updates.
- E. Personnel Committee: Finished up with the Teamsters and AFSCME contracts. Hopefully they will be approved at the next Council meeting.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator: Working on the budget and negotiations.
- B. City Attorney: Negotiations and ordinances.
- C. Director of Public Services: Finishing up with the street projects. There is a punch list with miscellaneous items to do. The project will not close out until next Spring to see how the roads handle a freeze/thaw cycle.
- D. Building Official: Out for 4-6 weeks.
- E. Chief of Police:
 - Chief wanted to give a shout out to all involved in a recent home invasion. Everything went smoothly.
 - A question was asked about a recent protest at the Courthouse with signs being held. Chief Karlgaard said they were okay as it is their 1st amendment right.

Mayor's Comments: Asked everyone to go out and vote!

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator