

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on May 6, 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, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway.

Members Absent: City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

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

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

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 April 15, 2024.

The bid was considerably lower than the engineers estimate. Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13436-22/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO CENTRAL SPECIALTIES, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,555,889.65 FOR PROJECT NO. 322-23, 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

After completing the interviewing and background process, Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13437-23/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF ISAAC JORDAHL AS THE NEW FINANCE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13438-24/2024, **“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.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 531 – An ordinance replacing Chapter 190, Article XV – Floodplain District. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13439-25/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 531 AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CHAPTER 190, ARTICLE XV – FLOODPLAIN**

DISTRICT,” and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

In the past, the City has paid the property taxes in lieu of Vertin Company letting the public use the parking lot. Now with many of the buildings not being utilized, the City is going to forgo paying the taxes but will continue to perform the snow removal. Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13440-26/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PARKING LOT AGREEMENT WITH VERTIN COMPANY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: Nothing.

Other Comments:

- Public Works Director Neil Crocker informed the Council that he attended a meeting regarding the Red River Valley Water Supply Project in Mantador recently. Neil had previously sent the Council information on this issue. There will be another meeting coming up with officials from Wilkin and Richland County and the City of Wahpeton being invited to learn more about the topic. The Council will eventually have to give a recommendation if they would or would not like to participate in the program. He is recommending that they attend so they can make an educated decision. The meeting will be held here at City Hall and will also need to be advertised as a quorum may be present.
- Question of what is going to happen to the gazebo on Minnesota was asked. It is a safety issue right now. Donations have been received from the Casper family and there is some money that was put in the budget to repair it but it is not enough. Neil’s recommendation is that it comes down and a new maintenance free gazebo gets put up.
- Clint Gilbertson from NDSCS wanted the Council to be aware that they are starting a 2-year Fireman class. This will be a good tool to gather more interested persons to the local fire departments. They are also looking into doing high school internships.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator