

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on October 21, 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 Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Nothing

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 October 7, 2024, with the correction of 17,885 books being physically checked out from the Library.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from October 7, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Cowgirls Hoops Club.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13463-49/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

As the City does each year for their insurance renewal process, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13464-50/2024, **“A RESOLUTION INDICATING A PREFERENCE TO THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO WAIVE THE TORT LIABILITY LIMIT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13465-51/2024, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2024, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING BORDER CITIES TAX CREDITS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

## Council Committee Reports:

### A. Finance Committee:

- A committee will need to be set up to help allocate JPA funds. The applications can be filled out on SVEDA's website. The JPA has the ultimate say on who will get approved for the funding.
- They are also working on getting the remaining ARPA funds spent this year.

### B. Public Works Committee: No updates.

### C. Police Committee:

- Worked on signage for jumping off of the bridge.
- Rummage sale sign seems to be popular.
- Police department is working on getting moved into City Hall.
- Working on THC and rental inspection ordinances.
- They had a request to put up a "bump" sign on Minnesota Avenue by the bridge – it is a County road so it is up to them if they would like to put one up or not.

### D. LEC Committee, Special Assessment, Active Living, Arts Council, Library: No updates.

### E. Personnel Committee: No updates.

## Staff Reports:

### A. City Administrator: Working on the budget and AFSCME negotiations.

### B. City Attorney: Working on much of what was updated from the Police Committee.

### C. Director of Public Services:

- With the final coat going on Oregon Avenue this week, the only thing left with the street project will be ground restoration.
- A question was asked if the City could dump the grass/leaf bins on Fridays so they are empty for the weekend. The bins are owned by the County so they are responsible for that. Although the City crews will help out and push the grass/leaves down to make more room when the County is not available to dump them.

### D. Building Official: Working on ordinances and permits.

### E. Chief of Police:

- Looking at adding yield signs at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> street intersections on Nebraska Avenue in order to slow traffic down.
- New FT Officer, Ryan Halverson, will be starting on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor's Comments:

- It was brought to the Mayor's attention that a large dairy farm will be coming to the Brushvale area. Along with the aroma, they will require a lot of water which Breckenridge can't provide. This concerned person would like the City to write a letter opposing the farm coming to the area.

Neil was just at a meeting with the RRVWSP which they actually discussed this issue. The dairy farm will be getting water from Wahpeton as they have a permit which will allow the amount of water the farm needs to have pulled on a daily basis along with the amount that the City needs to operate. Breckenridge's permit would NOT allow for that.

Neil also reminded the Council that they need to look at and make a decision if they will be participating in the RRVWSP project. A memorandum of commitment would need to be entered into. More research and discussion will need to be had on this so a decision can be made.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to not send a letter opposing the dairy farm at this time. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator