

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on October 7, 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 with the addition of 3A – Oath of Office for Sydney Wiertzema. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Oath of Office: Mayor Wilson administered the Oath of Office for new City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

Open Discussion: Council Member Meyer inquired on who owns the Schwan’s building on the south side of town. The parent company is located in Marshall, MN who still owns the actual building. Not sure what their plans are.

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

- A. Motion approving the minutes from the regular City Council meeting on September 16, 2024.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from September 16, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit and Exempt Gambling Permit for St. Mary’s Church and School.
- D. Motion approving a Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for St. Mary’s School.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13462-48/2024, **“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 Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee: No updates.
- B. Public Works Committee: No updates.
- C. Police Committee: Working on the THC ordinance that is due by January 1st.
- D. LEC Committee, Special Assessment, Active Living, Arts Council, Library: The Library Board has appointed new members; Pennie Landow for 3 years, Amy Beasley for 3

years, and Kelly Kressin for two years. They have had over 1800 physical checkouts this year.

- E. Personnel Committee: Close to settling with the Teamsters and continuing to negotiate with AFSCME.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator: First full day was today.
- B. City Attorney: Working on THC and rental inspection ordinance.
- C. Director of Public Services: Made some huge headway with the Street Improvement project and will be back again this week.
- D. Building Official: Yard cleanups, duplex going up on north side of town, helping with street project.
- E. Chief of Police:
 - o NDSCS parade was held with only a train and 2 houses coming through the 4-way stop.
 - o Police Committee will be talking about a catch and release cat program that someone is currently doing in Wahpeton.
 - o Jason and Kris are working on an ordinance regarding jumping off bridges in the City.
 - o Community sign looks great – need a stapler though as it is too hard for tacks.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator