

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 16, 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 Administrator Sydney Wiertzema and City Attorney Jason Butts.

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 Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion:

- Travis Myhra was present asking about the outcome of his complaint. He didn't feel it was properly handled according to the policy. The Mayor informed him that the City Administrator and himself reviewed a complaint as according to the City's complaint policy. They determined that there was no wrong doing and it was deemed closed. A letter was sent to Mr. Myhra indicating such.

Mr. Myhra starting arguing about the specifics of the complaint which City Attorney Butts advised the Council or any City employee not to get in a discussion with members of the public during open discussion. Mr. Myhra can present something to the Council if he chooses but they should not discuss it.

Motion by Council Member Vedder 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 December 2, 2024.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from December 2, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a quote in the amount of \$4,640 from MedCompass for mandated physicals for all Fireman to be performed in 2025.
- D. Motion approving Garbage Haulers licenses for three local businesses.
- E. Motion approving tobacco Licenses for two local businesses.
- F. Motion approving various donations received by the City from July 1, 2024 through December 13, 2024.

Council Member Meyer moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 532 – An ordinance adding Chapter 69 – Cannabis to the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This ordinance pertains to the regulation of the sale of Cannabis. The only

change that was made to the ordinance from the 1<sup>st</sup> reading is he added “has been in operation in the City of Breckenridge” to 2.6. When asked about how many licenses the City has to allow, Attorney Butts said that the State requires the City to allow a minimum of one Cannabis business. The City can restrict the amount to whatever they choose which Breckenridge has chosen to limit the amount to one license not including a City-owned business.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13477-63/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 532, AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 69 – CANNABIS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried with Council Member Wermerskirchen voting against the resolution.

Council Member Meyer moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 533 – An ordinance amending Chapters 190, Zoning of the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously. This ordinance pertains to allowing various permitted Cannabis uses in several zones within the City.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13478-64/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 533, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 – ZONING IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 534 – An ordinance amending Chapter 86 – Fees to the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. This ordinance updates various fees associated with the City.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13479-65/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 534, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 – FEES OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Following the hiring process and recommendation from the Public Utilities Commission, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13480-66/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Following negotiations, Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13481-67/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR LABOR BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AND THE TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 320 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13482-68/2024, **“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 Vedder offered Resolution No. 13483-69/2024, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN’S DISCOVERY CENTER’S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE RICHLAND-WILKIN JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (RWJPA) RELIEF,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Wiertzema administered the Oath of Office to re-elected City Council Members Wermerskirchen and Vedder as well as re-elected Mayor Wilson.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – No updates
- C. Police – No updates
- D. Personnel – No updates
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – No updates

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – Working on getting the approved budget to the required agencies and then starting to work on the upcoming audit
- B. City Attorney – Working on ordinances and a trial
- C. Director of Public Services – There was a lift station that wasn’t keeping up. Had to suck out the lift and then found that both pumps had obstructions in them. Removed the obstructions and everything working great now. Notified residents to conserve water usage by City website, City Facebook, KBMW Radio & Facebook.
- D. Building Official/Codes – Back from leave playing catchup
- E. Chief of Police – All moved into City Hall. Ryen Drews has applied for a FT officer position.

Mayor’s Comments:

- Mayor Wilson read an Appreciation letter to Council Member Johnson as it was his last meeting. He decided not to run for another term. He was a huge part of the Council the past 8 years and his dedication was greatly valued.

Other Comments:

- Congratulations went out to Eli Butts for being awarded Academic All-State for Football.
- The Cantata gave their Christmas concert recently with a great attendance.
- Next year the City is going to do a “name the plows” as part of the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing regarding the rezoning of lots in Heritage South Addition. Liane was asked to send the information to all of the Council Members for their review.

- Due to State Statutes, the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The consensus was to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in January two weeks later on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Council Member Fox to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator