

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on August 19, 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. Finance Officer, Isaac Jordahl 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 Fox and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion:

- Elizabeth Wefel from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities gave a presentation on what the Coalition has been working on this year as it pertains to the City of Breckenridge as well as what went on during this legislative session.
- Dale Anderson informed the Council that the alley between 9-10 Street is in horrible condition and need to be fixed. There are potholes everywhere as well as water draining into people's yards/garages.

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 August 5, 2024.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from August 5, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Touchdown Club (Breckenridge Football Booster Club).
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Fire B-Team.

Brian Hiles from Ulteig Engineering gave a presentation on the Breckenridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Planning Report. The City received a grant through the Partnership4Health to conduct the trail plan. There is three different plans for various parts of the City all with different costs. Next would be to apply for a grant to pay for the construction.

Patrick Hollister explained that there are a few options for grants through MnDOT. One is federal money and the other is state money. There are webinars with tips on how to apply for the grants which he will send to the City.

Along with a meeting salary list and Pay Request No. 1 from Central Specialties for Project No. 322-23, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13453-39/2024, “**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,**” and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance Committee, Chair Vedder gave the following updates:
  - Mandy Steinberger gave the committee an update on her not having enough money in her budget does not want to cut programs either.
  - She would like to get a contract with T&G Sanitation for garbage services and then put the cost on everyone’s utility bills. Waste Management is overcharging customers and it has to stop. Each household can switch companies if they choose though. They will discuss this at the next Police Committee meeting.
  
- B. Public Works Committee: No updates.
  
- C. Police Committee Chair Wermerskirchen gave the following updates:
  - Council Member Vedder would like an ordinance drafted to prohibit kids from jumping off the Main Street bridge into the river. Chief Karlgaard said he received a call and did talk to the kids who said their parents knew they were doing it and were okay with it. They are not breaking any laws so he couldn’t do anything more.
  
- D. LEC Committee, Special Assessment, Active Living, Arts Council, Library: No updates.
  
- E. Personnel Committee, Chair Wermerskirchen gave the following updates:
  - Still in search of a City Administrator and will be going through more applications at the next meeting.
  - Working on union negotiations. AFSCME was a good meeting and Teamsters are close to being finalized.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Attorney: Doing lots of City Admin stuff.
  
- B. Director of Public Services: No updates.
  
- C. Building Official: Working on getting some homes condemned and yards cleaned up including an ongoing yard sale.

D. Chief of Police:

- Hired a new PT Police Officer and will hopefully be doing their Oath of Office at the next meeting.
- Currently working on the background check for a new FT Police Officer.

Mayor's Comments:

- A. Jeff Backer was named the League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2024. He is Breckenridge's Representative and always gone to bat for us.
- B. The Wilkin County Fair will be held this week. It is scaled down from last year but everyone is encouraged to come out and attend.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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ISAAC JORDAHL, Finance Officer