

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on September 19, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Rick Busko, Reed Johnson, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: Council Member Reed Johnson.

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

With the addition of 5D – Letter from MnDOT regarding the Safe Routes to School project, Council Member Busko moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: A parent was present requesting the option of having an “Autistic Child at Play” sign put up by the school as she feels the vehicles drive too fast in that area. Chief Karlgaard said he had some concerns about putting that type of sign up but said that they could patrol a bit more around that area. The speed limit does state 30 mph but that can be fast. The Safe Routes to School grant that is currently being worked on will allow for a light that can be activated by pressing a button to allow for safe crossing of the street. The parent will contact Lori Conway to further discuss any other options.

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 to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on September 6, 2022.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from September 6, 2022.
- C. Motion approving a quote from Kiesler Police Supply in the amount of \$7,931.62 for 5 sets of body armor for the Police Department.
- D. Motion approving a letter of approval from MnDOT allowing the City to be the General Contractor for the Safe Routes to School grant which will permit the bids to be re-open. Being the General Contractor, the City could accept bids from separate contractors for specific parts of the project making the project as a whole more viable.

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13285-59/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITION OF SECTION 8.3 REGARDING COMMERCIAL DRIVING LICENSE EDUCATION, OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13286-60/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13287-61/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING DECEMBER 5TH AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE’S TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING DATE FOR 2022,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

With a 4% increase over last year, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13288-62/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PRELIMINARY 2022 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2023 AT \$1,083,182,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13289-63/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PRELIMINARY 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$3,585, 276,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. The budget was increased by \$6,000 from the last Finance Committee meeting to allow for the new CDL training that was approved tonight.

Following discussion including details on the credits, Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13290-64/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE CREDIT APPLICATION AND CLASSIFYING CERTAIN BUSINESSES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BRECKENRIDGE PORT AUTHORITY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Interstate Engineering conducted the bid letting along with the Public Works Committee recommending that the bid from Ehlert Construction be approved. Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13291-65/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVING A BID FROM EHLERT EXCAVATING, INC FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR MINN-KOTA AG PRODUCTS, INC. PROJECT NO. 318-22,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments:

- Mayor Wilson appointed Bryon Blair to the Planning Commission who will serve the remainder of his term.

Other Comments:

- There will be an opening reception for Laura Youngbird on September 28th at the Headwaters Park. The Mishipechu (known as the Great Lynx) is a metal sculpture which Ms. Youngbird created with the help of a grant which is now placed there.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator