

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 8, 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, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Attorney Jason Butts and City Administrator Lori Conway.

Members Absent: None.

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

With the addition of 5G – Motion approving the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD from Smith Motors in the amount of \$59,310, Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on December 18, 2023.
- B. Motion to file the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission regular meeting of December 18, 2023.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Baseball Association.
- D. Motion approving various Q4 donations to the City.
- E. Motion approving a quote for extraction equipment from Alex Air Apparatus in the amount of \$40,725. (paid with State Public Safety Funds)
- F. Motion approving the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-250 Crew Cab service truck from Minnesota Truck Headquarters, Sauk Rapids, MN in the amount of \$45,199 for the Water/Wastewater department.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13415-1/2024, **“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 Fox and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13416-2/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Building Official, Christopher Loehr, presented his 2023 Annual Report of Permits Issued. He also included 2022’s report for comparison.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13417-3/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13418-4/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WAHPETON DAILY NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13419-5/2024, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR CITY FUNDS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments:

- Council Member Wermerskirchen stated that when Senator Fischbach came for a visit on January 3, 2024, discussion was held around the topic of the Becker power plant closing which has been shut down due to the Minnesota Energy efficient plan. This will cause a shortage of power in the state.

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

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator