

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof for the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 23, 2023, 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 Lori Conway 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: None.

Motion by Council Member Vedder 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 January 9, 2023.
- B. Motion approving to file the minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting of January 9, 2023.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Music Boosters.
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Baseball Association.
- E. Motion approving a quote from Amazon in the amount of \$1,100 for a Spectrum Precision Laser Level for the Building Codes Official.
- F. Motion approving a quote from Amazon in the amount of \$393 for Lenovo Chromebook 13.3" Idea Pad and Microsoft Office Home & Student 2021 for \$137.50 for the Fire Department.
- G. Motion approving a quote from Code 4 Services in the amount of \$4473.67 for the outfitting of the 2022 Ford Explorer and \$4599.34 for the outfitting of the 2015 Ford Explorer.
- H. Motion approving a quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$7452 for a squad car radio for the 2015 Ford Explorer.
- I. Motion approving a quote from Advanced Graphix in the amount of \$745 for reflective tape for the 2015 Ford Explorer.
- J. Motion approving a quote from Auto Creation and Signs in the amount of \$300 for the installation of graphics for the 2015 Ford Explorer.
- K. Motion approving a quote from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$3121 for a DSR 2 Antenna Radar and cable kit for the 2015 Ford Explorer.

Motion by Council Member Vedder to approve a Breckenridge Sump Pump Policy. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. The Utility employees will go to the homes to monitor to make sure the home is in compliance while reading meters. The lift station

numbers will show when there is too much going into the sanitary sewers. There are 170 homes that convert back and forth from outside to the sanitary and then pay the \$25 per month when they are switched to the sanitary. We need to make sure that they are switched over in the spring/summer as that can make a big difference. It was never mandated before, but now it will be. There are homes that the Utilities is not aware of that have it hard plumbed into the sanitary and those need to be identified through looking for sump pump hoses while reading meters.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 521 – Sewage and Waste Disposal. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13327-4/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 521, AMENDING CHAPTER 147 – SEWAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13328-5/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY PROJECT NO. 321-23, TWITO CIRCUIT C BORING AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously. This is a continuation of the 30-year project to have all of the electric lines buried underground versus running on overhead.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13329-6/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13330-7/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN UPDATED PURCHASE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously. This just raises the amount needed to have two quotes and a purchase order from \$400 to \$1000.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13331-8/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD EXPLORER POLICE VEHICLE FROM RED RIVER RESCUE, LLC OF WAHPETON, ND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,160,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13332-9/2023, **“A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE LIMITS ON CURRENT CREDIT CARDS FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES WITHIN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously. In order to accommodate the rising costs and inflation.

Mayor’s Comments: None

Other Comments:

- Reminder that the second Council meeting in February will be on the Tuesday after Monday's federal holiday of Presidents Day.
- Council Member Fox stated that she attended a recent County meeting where she learned how ASI (Ambulance) and Police are being misused. They are all short-staffed and having to respond to calls that are not true emergencies. The public needs to be informed that sometimes you need to be accountable for yourself if it is not an emergency.

Another issue may be how the neighboring ambulances who help cover are being reimbursed. They are both owned privately and the City should not be involved in their financial disputes. We can attend to keep updated on the response issues though.

- Council Member Jawaski asked who is supposed to shovel sidewalks in front of homes. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

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

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator