

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on February 20, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Evie Fox, Reed Johnson, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. Finance Officer Ariel Johnson.

Members Absent: Council Member Beth Meyer, City Attorney Jason Butts, and City Administrator Lori Conway.

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

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the Revised Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

Motion by Council Member Fox 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 February 5, 2024.
- B. Motion to file the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission regular meeting of February 5, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit application for the Breckenridge Lutheran Church.
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit application for the Breckenridge Music Boosters.
- E. Motion approving a quote from Tactical Advantage in the amount of \$13,989.80 for new tactical gear for the Police Department. (paid out of Public Safety funds)
- F. Motion approving a quote from Dakota Chrysler Center in the amount of \$30,694 for a 2019 RAM 1500 Big Horn/Lone Star pickup for the Public Utilities Department.
- G. Motion approving a quote from MedCompass in the amount of \$5,125 for medical exams for fire department personnel.

With rising costs since the project first started in 2016, an increase in engineering services was warranted. It has taken this long due to the City having to wait until more state funding became available to pay for the project. Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13423-9/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH INTERSTATE ENGINEERING FOR PROJECT NO. 308-17, SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE FLOOD MITIGATION,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

This will be the 3rd out of 4 phases of the complete project. Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13424-10/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR THE SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE FLOOD MITIGATION, PROJECT NO. 308-17, PHASE III,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13425-11/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

As a requirement of the grant application process, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13426-12/2024, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE FOR A USDA GRANT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13427-13/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JUDGES OF ELECTION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY, PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 2024,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments: Neil Crocker handed out a letter from the Mayor of Moorhead on behalf of the Lake Agassiz Water Authority asking if the City of Breckenridge wanted to participate in a project that would pipe water to the City from the western side of North Dakota. This would be a reserve plan if the City would ever run out of water. Neil explained that we get our water from an aquifer that is currently very healthy. We should not have to ever worry about it going dry. The decision whether the City would like to participate or decline should come from the City Council. No monetary amounts have been disclosed yet on what the cost will be for the City if they choose to participate. Neil will continue to update the Council as things progress.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

ARIEL JOHNSON, Finance Officer