

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on November 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Jim Jawaski, Brooks Klinnert, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: None.

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

Along with the addition of 6A – Resolution approving the hiring of 2 new police officers, Council Member Meyer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on October 20, 2025.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission meeting on October 20, 2025.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13543-60/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF LEXA OLSON AND IAN COTTRELL AS FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. Lexa will be starting on Tuesday, November 4th and Ian will be starting on Monday, December 1st.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13544-61/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13545-62/2025, **“A RESOLUTION INDICATING A PREFERENCE TO THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO WAIVE THE TORT LIABILITY LIMIT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This is an annual waiver and says that we are going with the states limits on how much someone can sue the City for.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – None.

- B. Public Works – None.
- C. Personnel – None.
- D. Police – None.
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – None.

Staff Reports:

- City Administrator – There are 3 letters of interest for the vacant seat for City Council that were sent in; Renewing insurance.
 - a. Motion was made to have the 3 candidates come to the next City Council meeting to answer questions.
- City Attorney – A lot of hearings and trials coming up; THC.
- Director of Public Services – Winding down summer projects and getting ready for winter projects; Getting the new trucks in; The wings are on the plow trucks; Welles Park was the last park with water on but that was just shut off last week; Still have some concrete that has to get poured, Comstock is working on that.
- Building Official/Codes – Inspections; Doing inspections of the lead line service replacements.
- Chief of Police – Hired 2 new officers, that will bring us back to fully staffed for this year. Looking to hire one more for next year, which was approved through the budget; The PD is going to be changing IT companies effective January 1st; Breckenridge Cowboys football team is going to state. They play Friday in Morris at 7pm; Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 4th.

Mayor's Comments: Voting is on Tuesday, November 4th at the High School starting at 7am and goes to 8pm. Go to the Southeast corner, there will be signs telling you where to go.

Other Comments:

- Jason – There is a meatball supper at the Breckenridge Lutheran Church on Tuesday, November 4th starting at 5pm. You can do take-out or delivery. The price is \$15. They also have a raffle.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator