

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on August 7, 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, 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.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

Tim Schoonhaven from Widseth, Smith, & Nolting gave a presentation on a comprehensive street condition survey. He gave each street a specific condition status and the cost breakdown of how much it would cost to fix each type of condition. If all the streets would be done at once, the cost would be over \$10,000,000. The City should come up with a Capital Improvement Program which will aide in the decision on how much money is to be held in reserves for future street improvements each year and which streets will be done first. The City is working with Gail Leverson from Widseth on grant options for street improvements.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on July 24, 2023.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the minutes from the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission meeting on July 24, 2023.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Touchdown Club.
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit and Gambling Exempt Permit for St. Mary's Church of the Presentation.
- E. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Post Prom.

Motion by Council Member Vedder approving Emergency Ordinance No. 525, An Emergency Ordinance Temporarily Prohibiting smoking within Welles Memorial Park during the Wilkin County Fair. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously. There was discussion if this will include vaping, which it does. Chief Karlgaard will let the Fair board know so they can pass the new ordinance on to the carnival employees and it should be posted at both entrances of the park. The Police Committee is working on an ordinance that will include all parks and public places in Breckenridge all year long.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13373-50/2023, **“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 Johnson offered Resolution No. 13374-51/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOSHUA EBERT AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments:

- Condolences went out to Glenn Rakow’s family. He was a Public Utility Commissioner for over 20 years and a local businessman.
- St. Mary’s Church will be having their 125th anniversary celebration at Welles Memorial Park on Sunday August 13th with a mass and meal to follow.
- The Wilkin County Fair will be August 17th – 20th.

Other Comments:

- Someone had contacted a Council Member about Kids Korner park. The handicapped swing is a great idea, but it is too hard to get through the pea rock with a wheelchair to the swing.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator