

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on July 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Reed Johnson, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: Council Member Rick Busko.

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

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: NDSCS President, Dr. Rod Flanigan introduced himself to the Council and provided some background on himself. He is hoping to have an open relationship with the two cities that will compliment all involved. This will hopefully start with a “welcome back to campus” open house on August 21st from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Students and citizens from the area are all invited to tour the campus. More details will follow as they finalize the event.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on July 5, 2022.
- B. Motion to approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Senior Center.

Following the City hiring process, Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13273-47/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A NEW RECORDS TECHNICIAN/LEGAL SECRETARY FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Per the Planning Commission’s recommendation, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13274-48/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR TRETON AND BRITTANY LUREEN-SCHMIDT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously. The home was built on the non-conforming lot back in 1960 when non minimum lot width requirements were in place.

Street Improvement Project Update – Neil Crocker informed the Council that they recently had a bid opening for the 2022 Mill & Overlay, Project No. 317-21. The bids came in at two times more than the engineer’s estimate. They stripped the project down and still do not have enough in the budget to proceed. The recommendation is that the City wait until next year when more money is in the budget and then try and re-bid the project again.

Someone questioned if the homeowners were contacted to let them know the project will not be happening. The residents that came to the meeting and wanted to pay for their own street improvement were not part of this project. They have not been contacted as that procedure will need to be discussed further to get the specifics of how and if it would be possible to do.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13275-49/2022, **“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.

Wilkin County informed the City that the area which was sold by the new water plant will need to be changed in regards to the service district since it will become commercial property now. Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13276-50/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE RURAL SERVICE DISTRICT TO THE URBAN SERVICED DISTRICT PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 272.67,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: Headwaters Music Festival will be this weekend. Hopefully everyone can attend at least one event.

Other Comments:

- Bois de Sioux Adventure Park – part of the trail is open and ready for use. They are accepting volunteers for the next several Mondays to help clear more paths.
- The local fire departments need to be commended for the recent grain bin rescue. It took several departments to combine their efforts with a successful outcome.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator