

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

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

Member Absent: None.

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

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

Open Discussion: Travis Myhra was present questioning about an incident last Memorial Day regarding the Breckenridge Police Department. The Mayor informed him that they will bring it up a committee meeting.

Motion by Council Member Fox 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 February 18, 2025.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the minutes from the February 18, 2025, Public Utilities Commission meeting.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Wilkin County Ag Society.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13495-12/2025, **“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 Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13496-13/2025, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MARCH 17, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING TAX INCENTIVES FOR A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT PROPOSED BY TP PROPERTIES, LLC,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. If approved at the public hearing next meeting, the developer will receive \$8,000 in Minnesota sales tax credits along with property tax exemptions through 2034 which is when the Housing Development plan expires. Those will be calculated by the Assessor’s Office.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13497-14/2025, **“A RESOLUTION GRANTING SYDNEY WIERTZEMA TWELVE WEEKS OF REGULAR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. She plans to be here

through the month of March and then will be checking her emails along with doing some work from home while she is off.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – No updates
- C. Personnel – Conducted interviews for Liane’s position
- D. Police – Signage for no jumping off the Main Street bridge, THC Sales, rental inspections, replace siren, Police cadet program, pedestrian walk safety
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – Auditors will be here next week
- B. City Attorney – No updates
- C. Director of Public Services – There was a watermain leak today but got it fixed, northside firehall’s roof is leaking
- D. Building Official/Codes – No updates
- E. Chief of Police – No updates

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments: Neil Crocker mentioned that Gordon Martinson decided on not serving another term on the Public Utilities Commission after over 40 years of service. They interviewed Paul Kaufman as his replacement and would like to have him appointed. Russ Wilson approved the appointing of Paul Kaufman to the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission for the next three years with his term ending March 2028.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator