

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on September 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: Council Member Brooks Klinnert.

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

Along with the addition of 5B – Motion approving a Bingo License for Three Rivers Gymnastics, Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion:

- Chief Karlgaard and City Attorney Jason Butts presented Hannah Rittenour a certificate. Hannah serves as the Breckenridge Police Department Records Technician as well as the leading secretary for the City Attorney's office. Hannah volunteered to be the point of contact for the City Administrator while she was out on maternity leave. She also recently took on the role of IT liaison for the police department. She demonstrates thoroughness, organization, and self-taught adaptability in all roles.
- City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema presented Chris Loehr, City Building Official, with a certificate for being with the City for 5 years.
- Travis Myhra addressed the council regarding minutes from previous council meetings and about prior complaints he has made to the City and the police department.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on August 18, 2025.
- B. Motion approving a Bingo License for Three River Gymnastics.

Justin Neppi was here to talk about Economic Development and his Nexus Group. He heard that SVEDA was dissolving and thought that there was always a need for that type of activity in the City/County so he asked a couple of friends if they were interested in putting together a partnership to provide some services on behalf of the City and County. The team combines local expertise with national perspective for economic development. They offer diverse expertise across multiple economic development areas. Action-oriented approach ensures all recommendations are practical and tailored. There would be a commitment to ongoing support and growth for partners. Council Member Wermerskirchen asked what the timeline was for each phase to get to phase 3. Justin said that after the contract would be signed, there

would be focus group meetings and the compiling of information, so it would be about three to five months at a minimum but closer to six months.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13528-45/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PAY REQUEST FROM KPH FOR PROJECT NO. 308-17, SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE FLOOD MITIGATION – PHASE III,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This was completed at 10th Street up to 13th Street on New York Avenue. New storm, water, and drain lines were put in.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13529-46/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13530-47/2025, **“A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA APPROVING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA, AND DISPENSING WITH REVIEW OF THE PURCHASE BY THE BRECKENRIDGE PLANNING COMMISION,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. Breck Wash Properties LLC is interested in purchasing the piece of land just south of the new water plant, 820 Wheat Way, to build a car wash there.

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:

- A. City Administrator – Working on the budgets; next week have a 2-day conference for the new City Administrator/City Clerk in Roseville.
- B. City Attorney – Working a lot with the THC stuff, working with the state. There are two places in town that are registered to sell THC from.
- C. Director of Public Services – Done some work on the flood mitigation system; dredged out the mouth of the diversion; have tree removal and spraying annually (some things that we have done that doesn't get talked about). Starting tonight, we will start to drain the water tower for routine maintenance and an internal inspection. We are going to start to drain it tonight and it will be down tomorrow but there should be good water pressure all day. By tomorrow evening, we should be filling the tower back up. A new siren will also be set up tomorrow down at Kid's Corner. They are going to try and get it up and running for the tests. The Rangers

were also talked about. We have bought from Highway Service in Hankinson before and wanted to purchase from them again.

- a. A motion by Council Member Vedder to approve the purchase of 2-2025 Polaris Rangers, from Hi-Way Service, for Vector Control (paid out of the Vector Control Fund). Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried with Member Meyer voting against the motion.
- D. Building Official/Codes – Doing a few yards; There are still a few permits floating around doing inspections on; watching the school demo next door, making sure that they are following all of the protocols. They are supposed to have a misting machine on while they are working to keep the dust down. They are hoping that it will take about a month to take the school down.
- E. Chief of Police – None.

Mayor's Comments: 1) Received a text today from the Thiele's from KRAZ Dance. They wanted to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the grand opening on Wednesday, September 3rd. It starts at 4pm and the ribbon cutting is at 5pm. 2) Sydney wrote a letter to Mary Ann Conrad thanking her for her role in facilitating the painting of the flood wall. 3) Saturday, September 13th is Headwaters Day. In the morning, there is the parade starting at 10am. Bull Bash is in the evening at Welles Park.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator