

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 27, 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, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Attorney Jason Butts and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

Member Absent: Council Member Chris Vedder.

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

With the addition of 6D – a quote for backpacks and 6E – a quote for pulse monitors both for the Fire Department, Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on January 13, 2025.
- B. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Music Boosters.
- C. Motion approving a quote from Stryker in the amount of \$2,489.58 for an AED for the Breckenridge Fire Department.
- D. Motion approving a quote from Gear Bags in the amount of \$1349.91 for nine EMT backpacks for the Breckenridge Fire Department.
- E. Motion approving a quote from Amazon in the amount of \$186.21 nine fingertip pulse monitors for the Breckenridge Fire Department.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13490-7/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF RYEN DREWS AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. Officer Drews has been working with the Police Department in a part-time capacity since August 2024.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13491-8/2025, **“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 Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – Talked with the hockey association about working with them to lease the hockey rink and then discussed the potential of paving some of the flood dikes

- C. Police – No updates
- D. Personnel – The hiring of Officer Drews
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – No updates

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – Working on audit. Also, Sydney has been working with Bruce Yaggie on putting together the bonding application again. He would also like for the City to send a new letter of support for the Infinity Center. Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to redo the letter of support for the Infinity Center. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.
- B. City Attorney –
 - As an FYI – the City is included in a class action lawsuit regarding PFAS water contamination just in case someone sees it on the news. Our water was not contaminated but we were included in the settlement.
 - An open discussion comment form was included in the packet. Jason would like to hear any comments prior to the next meeting so the form can be approved. There was a question if people will still have the ability to speak on items that are already on the agenda. The intention of the form is to discuss items NOT on the agenda which they would like to bring up during the open discussion period. They would still have the ability to speak on other items listed on the agenda if warranted.
- C. Director of Public Services – The lead line project is winding up. They have requested quotes from three 3 different contractors.
- D. Building Official/Codes – working on a variety of items.
- E. Chief of Police – Kris informed the Council that the Personnel Committee has recently appointed both Cayden Barta and Joshua Ebert to Sergeants with the Police Department. There will be a supervisor on each shift now. They will each have specific duties as well.

Mayor’s Comments: The Mayor read a letter of appreciation and plaque for the City’s Gold sponsorship from the 2024-2025 Royalty Pageant.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator