

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 2, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Open Discussion:

- David Hoffert from the Green Apple & Cannabis had some questions on the new ordinances – he was told he will have a chance to speak at that point in the meeting.
- Council Member Meyer mentioned that the light poles on the walk/bike path look pretty. She asked if the City would want to do a fundraiser to help pay for the bulbs with something like “Adopt a Pole”. Neil Crocker mentioned that he has those expenses covered.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on November 18, 2024.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from November 18, 2024.

There was considerable discussion regarding the ordinances pertaining to Cannabis. David Hoffert inquired about the City limiting the registrations to only allowing one business. The first business within the City that was registered with the State gets preference. The Council decides the number of businesses it will allow to have a license in the City of Breckenridge. Some business type language changes will be looked at for the next reading in two weeks to reflect what was passed in 2023.

Mr. Hoffert was also concerned with the zoning ordinance prohibiting a business to be within 500 feet if a park or school. That will be looked at as well prior to the next reading.

Council Member Meyer moved to approving the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 532 – An ordinance adding Chapter 69 – Cannabis to the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This ordinance pertains to the regulation of the sale of Cannabis.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 533 – An ordinance amending Chapters 190, Zoning of the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This ordinance pertains to allowing various permitted Cannabis uses in several zones within the City.

Council Member Meyer moved to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 534 – An ordinance amending Chapter 86 – Fees to the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. This ordinance updates various fees associated with the City.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13473-59/2024, **“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.

Each year polling places need to be designated, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13474-60/2024, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE FOR THE YEAR 2024,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – No updates
- C. Police – No updates
- D. Personnel – Interviews and negotiations
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – No updates

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – All of the negotiations and the budget are now done.
- B. City Attorney – Working on lots of ordinances.
- C. Director of Public Services – Christmas decorations are done.
- D. Building Official/Codes – Still out on leave.
- E. Chief of Police – Working with the railroad on blocked crossings and looking at potential flashing lights, moving to City Hall on Thursday, both Ryan’s doing well.

At 6:04 p.m. the Truth in Taxation public hearing started. City Administrator Wiertzema gave a power point presentation on the City’s previous expenses and revenues along with the proposed 2025 budget.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13475-61/2024, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2024 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2025 AT \$1,411,290,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13476-62/2024, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$3,782,154,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments:

- Reminder that the Tree Lighting Holiday Event will be tomorrow from 5-7 at the Family Community Center.
- The packet from Travis Myhra was given to all of the council members for their review.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator