

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on April 15, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Vice-Mayor Scott Wermerskirchen; Council Members Beth Meyer, Evie Fox, Reed Johnson, Jim Jawaski and Chris Vedder. City Administrator Lori Conway.

Members Absent: Mayor Russell Wilson and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Vice-Mayor Wermerskirchen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda with the additions of 6D – Public Hearing for the Southside Drainage Improvement project and awarding a contract to KPH for said project. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion:

- Several members of the Sons of Norway Henrik Ibsen Lodge were present. Vice-Mayor Wermerskirchen proclaimed May 12th as Norwegian Constitution Day “Syttende Mai”.
- Connie Hutton requested to have someone come and look at her alley as she feels there is too much gravel on it and the water keeps draining into everyone’s yard. Her information was taken and the Public Works will look into it.

Motion by Council Member Johnson 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 April 1, 2024.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting of April 1, 2024.
- C. Motion approving a quote from RDO Equipment in the amount of \$10,105.61 for the repairs to the Motor Grader. (paid out of Capital Outlay)

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13434-20/2024, **“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.

New flood maps were received from FEMA. The City is now required to update their flood ordinance in order to be in compliance with FEMA. Motion by Council Member Jawaski to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 531 – An ordinance replacing Chapter 190, Article XV – Floodplain District. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

At the last City Council meeting, the Council approved sending a letter to the Wilkin County Commissioners asking them for a joint meeting with the City to discuss the future of the Law

Enforcement Center situation. The letter was included in the agenda packet for reference. So far, only one Commissioner has reached out to Council Member Wermerskirchen.

A Public Hearing was held to hear questions/comments regarding the potential special assessments as part of Project No. 308-17, Southside Drainage Improvements Flood Mitigation Project – Phase III. Mike Bassingthwaite from Interstate Engineering explained that the special assessment portion of the project came in at \$108,760 which the City will be paying for 50% of and the other 50% will be assessed to the adjoining property owners. This is a portion of a bigger project that is being done as part of the flood protection work that is required to fix the internal drainage on the south side of Breckenridge. A majority of the project cost is being paid for by the DNR. Wes and Carla Evenson were present for the hearing.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13435-21/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR THE 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO 322-23,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: Nothing.

Other Comments: City Administrator Conway informed the Council that she will be starting a new format for the City Council Agendas. There will be spots for both the Department Heads and Committee chairpersons to give updates at each meeting on what is going on. Hopefully this will keep everyone more informed on what is going on.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

SCOTT WERMERSKIRCHEN, Vice-Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator