

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on September 18, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

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

Members Absent: None.

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

With the addition of 8E – Resolution in support of an application for Wilkin County local road improvements, Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Mark Goldberg from David Drown and Associates gave a presentation on the Salary and Wage Study which they just completed for the City of Breckenridge. Following the explanation of the facts and information he received, Mr. Goldberg stated that the City’s wages are actually very close to comparable cities. He did stress that they look at the positions and not the person that is in the position when looking at the data.

Motion by Council Member Vedder 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 September 5, 2023.
- B. Motion to file the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission regular meeting of September 11, 2023.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to discuss the possible purchase of personal property located in the former Burders’s Butcher building located in Breckenridge. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

After discussion of various options, Council Member Meyer moved to open the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13384-61/2023, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FROM THE PREVIOUS BRUDERS’ BUTCHER LOCATION,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Fox to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 526, An Ordinance amending Breckenridge City Code Chapter 170 – Tobacco – Regulating the sale of commercial tobacco and related devices and products. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13385-62/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 526, AMENDING CHAPTER 170, REGULATING THE SALE OF COMMERCIAL TOBACCO AND RELATED DEVICE AND PRODUCTS – CANNABIS IN PUBLIC,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13386-63/2023, **“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 Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13387-64/2023, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PRELIMINARY 2023 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2024 AT \$1,389,395,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13388-65/2023, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE PRELIMINARY 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$3,896,302,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

In order to allow Wilkin County to retain all of the monies they received from the State of Minnesota regarding to local voting equipment, Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13389-66/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING WILKIN COUNTY TO RETAIN VOTING OPERATION FUNDS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

A project is being started regarding improvements to 360<sup>th</sup> Street on the south side of town. The County will be heading the project and be applying for a grant to help with the funding. 360<sup>th</sup> street is part of the Cities flood levy so the City will be involved in a limited capacity. Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13390-67/2023, **“A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) GRANT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: Lori Conway was selected to receive a grant following an interview, to participate in the Run4Rural from West Central Initiative October 6th & 7th. This is for growing and strengthening local communities through elected office and leadership roles. The purpose of the grant is to encourage local citizens to run for local government.

Other Comments:

- Sons of the Civil War will be honoring the last veteran at the Cemetery on Saturday.
- Library will be holding a forum presentation of the Vietnam War on Thursday from 2-4:00 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator