

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 22, 2024, 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, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Attorney Jason Butts and Finance Officer Ariel Johnson.

Members Absent: Council Member Chris Vedder and City Administrator Lori Conway.

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

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

Open Discussion: None.

Motion by Council Member Fox 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 January 8, 2024.
- B. Motion to file the minutes of the Public Utilities Commission regular meeting of January 8, 2024.
- C. Motion approving the purchase of a Prodigy ELITE Ice Maker from Town & Country Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$5,485.68 for the Fire Department. (paid from Public Safety Funds)

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13420-6/2024, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. Chief Karlgaard has been approached by several individuals that are interested in the program. This will be an unpaid position but they will earn college and high school credits for the time they are with the department. They will be under direct supervision at all times and may have the ability to work in some of the County divisions such as dispatching or the jail.

The Mayor spoke with a representative from BEK TV that would like to air a story about Breckenridge which we will receive two 30-second commercials from when they are done. The Public Utilities and Port Authority have both verbally committed \$1500 each to the project. Council Member Johnson moved to verbally approve spending \$1500 toward the sponsorship for the My Hometown by BEK News Ladies of Another View. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. They are not sure about the timeline, but they would like to do it in conjunction with Wahpeton.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13421-7/2024, **“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.

Mayor’s Comments: A listing of appointments and reappointments was presented by the Mayor. They are the following:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Tony Casper	Port Authority	December 2029
Janel Fredericksen	Port Authority	December 2029
Nathan Summerville	Public Utilities	March 2027
Steve Mortensen	Planning Commission	March 2027
Evie Fox	Planning Commission	March 2027
Mandy Nelson	Library Board	January 2027
Joseph Glasrud	Library Board	January 2027
Shirley Fox	Housing & Redevelopment Authority	April 2029
Corey Kratcha	SVEDA	January 2026

Evie Fox will has agreed to continue to serve on the Planning Commission until a replacement is found.

Other Comments:

- Council Member Wermerskirchen brought up a question regarding the City billing Wilkin County for fire calls. The fire department was called out two separate times for improper calls which the firemen and trucks responded too. One was a test call and one was a medical call that only the ambulance should have been called out on. The City will have to pay the firemen for responding and since they should not have been called out in the first place, the City billed the County.

The Mayor has spoke with Sheriff Harris and he said the problem should be fixed. The Fire department did get called out again over the weekend to a medical call but Sheriff Harris said that was on purpose. Not sure why. The County, City, and Fire Chief need to get together and figure out what things the Fire Dept. should be called out on and shouldn’t. In the past, the only medical calls the Fire Dept. would go on was for extractions, accidents, or traffic control.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

ARIEL JOHNSON, Finance Officer