

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on April 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Evie Fox, Brooks Klinnert, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: Council Member Beth Meyer and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

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

Along with the addition of 5C – Raffle permit from the Breckenridge Hot Shots, Council Member Vedder moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Chief Karlgaard presented a Life Saving Award to 911 Dispatcher Alexis Piersen, EMT's Amy Jorgenson & Kim Abel, and Officer's Cayden Barta and Craig Corey for saving the life of George Ressler in October of 2022.

Motion by Council Member Fox 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 March 17, 2025.
- B. Motion approving a Raffle permit for St. Francis Health.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle permit for Breckenridge Big Shots.

Council Member Jawaski Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13502-19/2025, "**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TOWARD ZERO DEATH COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This will be used for overtime when the officers are performing speeding, alcohol, and seat belt checks.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13503-20/2025, "**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPROVING A CADET PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. This program is for students attending law enforcement academy. They can train with the Breckenridge department while still in school. They can't arrest anyone but can do other duties. The maximum they can be reimbursed is \$3,000 per year for up to five years.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13504-21/2025, "**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROJECT NO. 323-25 ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND PROJECT AND AWARDDING A BID TO SCOTT'S ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,325.00,**" and moved for its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This is a continuation of the burying of the overhead lines underground which the department has been doing each year.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13505-22/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROJECT NO. 324-25 LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE TO APPLY FOR A 100% PRINCIPLE FOREGIVENESS PFA LOAN,”** and moved for its adoptions. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. This is to replace all of the lead lines that have been identified in the City due to a Federal mandate. It will not cost the citizens anything as it is a 100% PFA forgivable loan.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13506-23/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 535 – an ordinance amending Chapter 190 pertaining to the City Zoning Map. (rezoning of property located in Heritage South Addition). Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13507-24/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 535, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 – ZONING IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Vedder to approve Ordinance 536 – pertaining to a Franchise Agreement for Great Plains. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. The current agreement has been in place for the past 20 years and expires in September. There were no major changes to the new ordinance.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – No updates
- B. Public Works – No updates
- C. Personnel – No updates
- D. Police – Chickens in City limits; Cadet program; Upgrading 1 siren; Overnight parking; Pedestrian traffic on 500 block; Yield Sign Update; Camper concerns; Cannabis.
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library - nothing

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – Sydney is on leave with her new baby boy – Congrats.
- B. City Attorney – Data requests

- C. Director of Public Services – Public Works Supervisor resigned but backfilled the position; Couple of Internal positions posted; There might be a Public Works position open; Sump pumps have been converted over
- D. Building Official/Codes – Plan reviews, junk and debris. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the free Spring Clean up week from May 5-8
- E. Chief of Police – We were working on the Civil Defense Sirens. All 4 of them are now working correctly. Getting a quote to upgrade or replace a siren.

Mayor's Comments: None.

Other Comments: There were concerns with the closing of the driver's license office currently located at the Wilkin County Courthouse and trying to find a way to keep that service in town. This will be a huge hardship for the elderly.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator