

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 1, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Jim Jawaski, Brooks Klinnert, Jamie Rezac, 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.

With the addition of 6B.1 – Oath of Office for new Police Officer, Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on November 17, 2025.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Public Utilities Commission meeting on November 17, 2025.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13547-64/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMIE REZAC TO FILL THE VACANCY OF BRECKENRIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. Jamie was then administered the Oath of Office and was welcomed to the City Council.

Officer Lexa Olson was administered the Oath of Office and was welcomed to the City.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13548-65/2025, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – None.
- B. Public Works – None.
- C. Personnel – None.
- D. Police – Discussion on the smoking ordinance in City parks; Tree ordinance, Ash Bore is coming; Proposed parking along the North side of Saint Mary’s on Mendenhall, this is

being tabled for now; The railroad crossing was brought up again; the rental inspection ordinance is being worked on and the goal is to hopefully get it implemented the first part of 2026; the Emergency Management position for the City of Breckenridge is in discussion; Ordinances & Misdemeanor ordinances are still being worked on.

- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – None.

Staff Reports:

- City Administrator – Finishing up everything with the budget site.
- City Attorney – A lot of stuff with the marijuana changes in the law.
- Director of Public Services – Worked a lot with the snow removal last week, a lot of 24-hour shifts; Took care of most of the complaints that came into the City because of the snow.
- Building Official/Codes – None (Gone-in meetings).
- Chief of Police –
 - a. Storm was a doozy on Tuesday! There were a lot of problems in town. Chief spent a lot of time in town, over the Holiday week, helping the Sheriff's Office. He wanted to let everyone know that because of the way that the storm hit, the streets are glare ice, please slow down when driving.
 - b. Ian Cottrell was introduced. He is the newest Police Officer. Hoping to do his Oath of Office at the next City Council meeting.
 - c. A couple of weeks ago, the connection was lost with Code Red, the emergency communication service that we utilize throughout the county. The County was unable to send out a Code Red saying no travel advised for this last storm. They were only able to send things through Facebook. They thought that it was a temporary issue, but the sheriff found out that it was decommissioned. This isn't just for Breckenridge or Wilkin County, it is a national issue. They are looking into different software.

At 6:00 p.m. the Truth in Taxation public hearing started. City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema gave a power point presentation on the City's previous expenses and revenues along with the proposed 2026 budget.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13549-66/2025, "**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2025 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2026 AT \$1,466,700,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13550-67/2025, "**A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2026 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$4,109,231,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Comments: The tree lighting is going on as we speak! If you get a chance to go to it, please do! The street guys are doing their best to keep the roads sanded but it is still slippery.

Other Comments: Council Member Vedder reported that she is cancer free!! City Attorney Butts wanted to thank Sydney for her work on the budget. Council Member Klinnert said that there was a BW Blades Hockey game on Tuesday night.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator