

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on November 13, 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, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: None.

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

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

Open Discussion: Doug Green from Baker Tilly gave an outline on the upcoming 5-year Street Reconstruction Project. Neil Crocker's projection without engineering and curb/gutter was \$4.3 million. The maximum bond amount of \$5.5 million can be put into the Public Hearing resolution but that doesn't mean that is what the City will bond for. You can go under that amount, but not above. The projected interest rate is a fixed rate from 4.3% to 5.25%. There will be a resolution calling for a public hearing at the next City Council meeting.

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 October 16, 2023.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from October 16, 2023.
- C. Motion approving an Audit Engagement Letter between the City and Carlson SV for the 2023 financial year audit services.
- D. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Richland-Wilkin Pro Life.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 527 - An interim ordinance amending Chapter §170 prohibiting the sale, delivery, distribution, etc. of Cannabis in the City of Breckenridge. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This will only prohibit a new business from getting a license until the City can further research and adopt its own ordinance prior to January 1, 2025.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13395-72/2023, **"A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 527, AMENDING CHAPTER 170 – TOBACCO: SALE OF COMMERCIAL TOBACCO AND RELATED DEVICES AND PRODUCTS – CANNABIS IN PUBLIC,"** 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. 528 – An ordinance amending Chapter §86 – Fees. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This will raise the parking ticket fee from \$10 to \$30. It has been well over 10 years since the fee has been raised. Right now, officers have only been issuing warnings to try to remind residents of the no parking on City streets during certain hours once the snow flies.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13396-73/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 528, AMENDING CHAPTER 86 – FEES,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 529 – an ordinance amending Chapter §89 – Firearms. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. This ordinance allows a bow and arrow to be used in town under certain circumstances.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13397-74/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 529, AMENDING CHAPTER 89 – FIREARMS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13398-75/2023, **“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:

- Thanks went out to Neil Crocker and crew for bringing the Safe Routes to School project over the finish line. All departments helped finalize the remaining work.
- A reporter from Bismarck visited with Mayor Wilson in regards to doing a story on Breckenridge and other small towns which will be aired on BEK television. She would like to visit with residents that know the history of Breckenridge. More information on local donations and associated costs for the project will be coming.

Other Comments:

- Council Member Vedder attended a gathering for Jordan Rassmussen. He mentioned that the City of Pelican Rapids hired a PT grant writer which has worked well for the City receiving various grants. Breckenridge should look into that possibility.
- Council Member Vedder was wondering where the microbrewery project is at. Part of the land has been transferred over but the other half will need to go through Quiet Title process which will be done by Jason.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator