

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Rick Busko, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. Finance Officer Ariel Johnson and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Member Absent: City Administrator Lori Conway.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the additions of 5G – purchase of a Bobcat skidsteer and 6B – acceptance of a bid and awarding a contract for the Safe Route To School project. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski 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 December 5, 2022.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from the December 5, 2022, meeting.
- C. Motion approving the renewal of Tobacco Licenses for Superpumper and Blazer Express.
- D. Motion approving the renewal of Garbage Haulers Licenses for BC Disposal, TG Sanitation, and Waste Management.
- E. Motion approving an Application for Exempt Permit for Someplace Safe.
- F. Motion approving the Proposed Electric Projects and Expenses for 2023 as approved by the Public Utilities Commission.
- G. Motion approving a quote from Lillegard of Wahpeton for the purchase of a 2022 Bobcat skidsteer in the amount of \$64,000. (paid by the Public Utilities)

Sarah Lansing representing the Active Living Committee, explained about a grant that she has been working on for sidewalks to be put in at Jefferson Park. It would link the diamonds, concessions, and playground together and could be used all summer for walkers as well. There is no local match and she has received good feedback from MnDOT. Neil Crocker commented that there may be some minor engineering that would not be covered by the grant. Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13319-93/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND AGREEING TO MAINTAIN THE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE JEFFERSON PARK SIDEWALK PROJECT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Following a bid opening conducted by Ulteig Engineers, Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13320-94/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID AND AWARDING A**

CONTRACT TO TI-ZACK CONCRETE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$361,110.59 FOR PROJECT NO. 311-19, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL,” and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. The City will be doing some in-kind work as well. With the funds set aside along with the grant money, there should be enough to complete the entire project.

Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13321-95/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL PAY REQUEST FROM KPH FOR PROJECT NO. 308-17, SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE FLOOD MITIGATION – PHASE II** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. Phase I still has a little bit left on the punch list before that one can be closed out and then the City is waiting for the State to pass a bill to start the 3rd and final phase.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13322-96/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to open the public hearing to hear comments from the public on the New Home Property Rebate Program 2022. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. With no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13323-97/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPERTY TAX REBATE FOR PARCEL NO. 23-210-0110 THROUGH THE NEW HOME PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments:

- Mayor Wilson presented Council Member Busko with a Certificate of Appreciation for his years of service on the Council. He will be greatly missed. Council Member Busko thanked everyone for their time and work while he has been with the City.

Other Comments:

- Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried with Council Member Busko voting against the motion.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

ARIEL JOHNSON, Finance Officer