

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer (5:45 p.m.), Evie Fox, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway.

Member Absent: None.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Vedder to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda included the following:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on November 20, 2023.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from November 20, 2023.

With the removal of a bill from Minn-Kota Communications, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13403-80/2023, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson carried unanimously.

Each year polling places need to be designated, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13404-81/2023, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE FOR THE YEAR 2024,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Following an explanation from the City Attorney, Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13405-82/2023, **“A RESOLUTION INDICATING A PREFERENCE TO THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO WAIVE THE TORT LIABILITY LIMIT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Lori Conway went through all three changes that will be made to the policy which will be added to the resolution. They are the addition of an “original owner” definition, the change of the assessment percentage responsibility for new developments to 100% for the

developer, and a New Development Incentive for Homeowners building in an approved development. Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13406-83/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

At 6:00 p.m., Council Member Johnson motioned to open the Truth in Taxation public hearing. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Lori Conway gave a power point presentation on the City’s previous expenses and revenues along with the proposed 2024 budget. The main increase will be a bond debt for a street improvement project that will be starting next year. There were some residents asking about the major increase in the value of their property which increased their taxes. They were referred to the Wilkin County Assessor’s Office as that is who places the values on property within the City.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13407-84/2023, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2023 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2024 AT \$1,389,395,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13408-85/2023, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$3,891,240,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments: Tree Lighting ceremony was very well attended.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator