

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on April 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Evie Fox, Beth Meyer, Brooks Klinnert, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen.

Members Absent: City Attorney Jason Butts and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema.

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

Along with the addition of 7E – Resolution authorizing application for Grant Navigation Support for the City, Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on April 7, 2025.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from April 7, 2025.
- C. Motion approving a quote from Chop Chop Tree Removal Service for \$3.90 per inch for stump grinding services.
- D. Motion approving a quote from Ehlert Excavating Inc in the amount of \$29,750 for the removal of the old Matheson Buildings located by North 3rd Street. (Will be reimbursed through flood funds)
- E. Motion approving a quote from Minn-Kota Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$2,076.60 for one hand-held radio for the Fire Department. (Receiving a \$600 matching grant and remainder to be paid out of donations)
- F. Motion recommending to increase a family pool pass to \$150 and a pool rental to \$250.
- G. Motion approving a quote from Minn-Kota Communications Inc. in the amount of \$20,322 for a new emergency siren.
- H. Motion approving a quote from Digital Guru in the amount of \$1969.99 for SD cards to update the City Hall phone system.
- I. Motion approving a quote from Amazon in the amount of \$2,829.47 for 3 computers and a docking station for the Police Department. The set-up will be done through Digital Guru in the amount of \$1,125.
- J. Motion approving a quote from Amazon in the amount of \$4,981 for 7 new computers for City Hall. The set-up will be done through Digital Guru in the amount of \$2,229.88.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13508-25/2025, **“A RESOLUTION GRANTING HUGH ZAJAC REGULAR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. Hugh will not have enough paid time off to cover the whole time he will be off. He wanted to use the last couple of weeks as unpaid.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to table the Social Media Policy Resolution until the next City Council meeting on May 5, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Along with the meeting salary list, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13509-26/2025, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13510-27/2025, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000, PLUS INTEREST, TO NICHOLAS AND KELSEY THIELE, d/b/a KRAZ DANCE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. The loan will be used to remodel the old VFW building which they recently purchased.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 536 – granting to Great Plains Natural Gas a nonexclusive franchise to operate and maintain natural gas in the City. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13511-28/2025, **“A RESOLUTION GRANTING TO GREAT PLAINS NATURAL GAS A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN NATURAL GAS IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE LIMITS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This will allow Great Plains Natural Gas to operate in Breckenridge.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13513-30/2025, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT NAVIGATION SUPPORT FOR THE CITY,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously. SEH Inc will help apply for a \$5,000 grant for funding for the “new Waste Water Force Main” project.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – Had a video conference about writing grants. Will be getting more information.
- B. Public Works – Tearing down the Matheson properties with Ehlerts. Will be reimbursed.
- C. Personnel – Hugh Zajac; Family pool passes for City employees; Organizational Chart changes.
- D. Police – None.

- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – Physical attendance in 2024 was 21,567. From 4/9-4/19, there were 647 people and a weekly average of 402. Some activities there are weekly story time, knitting class, woodcarvers, chess club, stain glass class, summer reading program, and resources for homeschooling families.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator – None.
- B. City Attorney – None.
- C. Director of Public Services – Starting the underground project throughout the city. Getting notices out to the residents; No projects this summer; Street in front of Bremer – there was a watermain break, a bucket full of gravel is dumped there each week. It is still settling. Hopefully we can pave it this Summer.
- D. Building Official/Codes – Finish review and letter for Mycogen project.
- E. Chief of Police – We have 2 Sergeants now. The Police Officers are doing fantastic!

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Klinnert to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator