

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on June 17, 2024, 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 Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: City Administrator Lori Conway.

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

With the tabling of item 4B – David Drown Associates salary study presentation and the addition of 3A – Recognition for Sergeant Jackson Kriel, Council Member Meyer moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Chief Karlgaard presented Sergeant Jackson Kriel with a recognition plaque for his years of service with the Breckenridge Police Department. He will be dearly missed.

Open Discussion:

- Carl Casey from Casey's Bar was present appealing a liquor violation that his establishment received from a recent incident. According to the ordinance, the establishment may receive a penalty of \$500 fine and one day closing as this was the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense within 24 months. The ordinance also states that the establishment may appeal the City Administrator's decision to the City Council. Two of Casey's Bar employees were charged with serving alcohol to minors. They have plead not guilty and their cases are pending in court. Carl is asking the Council that they wait until the cases have been resolved because if they aren't found guilty that may change things. Council Member Johnson moved to postpone the appeal until the bartender's cases have been resolved in the Courts. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski. Three members voted in favor of the motion and 3 members voted against the motion. The Mayor then broke the tie voting in favor of the motion. The appeal will be brought back after the Courts have resolved the bartenders' cases.
- Rick Busko was present inquiring about the Oak Street Project.
  - He asked if the sewer was going to be replaced. All of the sewers have been filmed and Neil viewed the one on Oak Street twice and determined that it does not need to be replaced.
  - He asked if a hydrant was going to be moved. Neil indicated that it was not in the best interest of the City to use tax dollars to move a perfectly fine hydrant because of a personal request.
  - When asked if the street will be narrowed, Neil stated that the west side of the cul-de-sac at the end of Oak Street will be widened to help out with snow removal.

- Neil should find out this Thursday when the contractors will be starting on certain streets so he can get notices out to the homeowners.

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

- A. Motion approving the minutes from the regular City Council meeting on June 3, 2024.
- B. Motion approving the filing of the minutes from the Public Utilities Commission meeting on June 3, 2024.
- C. Motion approving the renewal of various Liquor Licenses and Amusement Devices for local establishments.
- D. Motion approving a quote from Telcom Construction for electric line underground boring in the amount of \$8.50 per foot.

Personnel Committee Chair Wermerskirchen gave the following updates:

- A. The salary study from David Drown is still got one more meeting before approval. If approved, David Drown's office will be at the July 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting to present.

Finance Committee Chair Vedder gave the following updates:

- A. The Fire Dept is authorized to spend up to \$150,000 for a new rescue truck. They are in high demand so when they find one, it is gone by the time they get approval from the City.
- B. Lori C is going to work on a fire equipment replacement schedule.
- C. Approval for the fire dept. to buy two sets of fire gear for two new fireman.

Public Works Committee Chair Jawaski gave the following updates:

- A. Working on a plan to replace the gazebo on Minnesota Avenue to make it maintenance free. The approximate cost will be around \$30,000.
- B. Working on putting in a basketball court at the pool with the donated court from St. Mary's School.

Police Committee Chair Wermerskirchen gave the following updates: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13443-29/2024, **"A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,"** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13444-30/2024, **"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF A WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR FOR THE CITY OF**

**BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13445-31/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE RESCUE TRUCK UP TO A \$150,000 MAXIMUM AMOUNT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13446-32/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BRECKENRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BURN THE OLD MATHESON BUILDINGS NOW OWNED BY THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Fox offered Resolution No. 13447-33/2024, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET RECONSTRUCTION BONDS, Series 202A, IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,500,000; FIXING THEIR FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS; DIRECTING THEIR EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; PROVIDING FOR THEIR PAYMENT; AND ESTABLISHING A PRICING COMMITTEE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Staff Reports:

- A. City Administrator: Nothing at this time.
- B. City Attorney: Nothing at this time.
- C. Director of Public Services: Nothing at this time.
- D. Building Official/Codes: Continuing to write letters.
- E. Chief of Police: Continuing to take garage sale signs down at the 4-way stop.

Mayor’s Comments: None

City Council Member Comments: None.

Other Comments: Jason wanted to thank the Public Works and Water Department for all of their hard work getting Jefferson Park ready for the baseball tournament. He received lots of great comments.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator