

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on March 20, 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, Jim Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. Finance Officer Ariel Johnson and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Member Absent: None.

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

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

Open Discussion: Gate City Bank was present to explain their Home Improvement Partnership Program they are implementing in Breckenridge. They have been managing this program in Wahpeton for several years and are now bringing it to Breckenridge. It is a 3-3.5% home loan that will help people with improvements to their home. They have allocated \$1 million dollars to this program. Interested persons can apply at City Hall. Chris Loehr will receive all applications first and then forward them along to Gate City.

Motion by Council Member Johnson 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 March 6, 2023.

City Hall offices will now have different work hours during the summer months. Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13343-20/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITION OF SECTION 5.1.1 COMPRESSED WORKWEEK HOURS, OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13344-21/2023, **“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.

The Fire Department is asking that the mandatory retirement age for the fire department be changed from 60 to 65 years of age. Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13345-22/2023, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE BRECKENRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT BYLAWS REGARDING RETIREMENT AGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Comments: None.

Other Comments: Council Member Vedder handed out information on a proposed bill that Governor Waltz plans on signing. The bill deals with legalizing the sale of pot. If this bill is passed, the State of Minnesota will decide who will/will not be approved to sell. If the City passes its own ordinance, this bill would supersede any local ordinance. She is asking that Council members contact the legislators and let them know your concerns on this bill.

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

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

ARIEL JOHNSON, Finance Officer