

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on January 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Jim Jawaski, Brooks Klinnert, Jamie Rezac, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: None

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

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

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on January 12, 2026.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular Public Utilities meeting of January 12, 2026.
- C. Motion approving a quote from Tenvoorde Ford, Inc in St. Cloud, MN, in the amount of \$48,285.44 for a 2026 Ford Utility Vehicle for the Police Department (will be paid out of Capital Outlay).

Along with the meeting salary list, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13556-04/2026, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously.

Council Member Rezac offered Resolution No. 13557-05/2026, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000, PLUS INTEREST, TO JUSTIN NEPPL, BRECK WATERFRONT PROPERTY, LLC, d/b/a RIVER BEND DISTILLERY, LLC,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. Justin is closing this week for the MIF loan. Construction will start this quarter. Justin is hoping to open by the end of this year.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13558-06/2026, **“RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2025 WILKIN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously. Briana Koval was present to speak about the mitigation plan. This plan is updated every 5-8 years on a state and federal level. This plan is

based on new mitigation measures that we may want to apply for. We are eligible to apply for these if funding is available, but it doesn't guarantee that we will receive them.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13559-07/2026, "**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously. The County plans to mill and overlay a section of road that is within city limits. The city will not have to pay anything. The county is just acknowledging that they are doing this and they will pay for it all.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13560-08/2026, "**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE WAHPETON DAILY NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13561-09/2026, "**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES FOR CITY FUNDS,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. Everything is the same as last year except that Bremmer Bank has changed its name to Old National Bank.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 541 – an ordinance amending Chapter 86 – Fees to the City Code. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously. This ordinance changes the fees for rental inspections.

Motion by Council Member Rezac to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 538 – an ordinance amending Chapter 86 – Fees of the Breckenridge city code. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This relates to the fees for the cannabis code.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13562-10/2026, "**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 538, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86 – FEES OF THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY CODE,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Vedder to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 539 – an ordinance amending Chapter 69 – Cannabis to the City code. Seconded by Council Member Klinnert and carried unanimously. This ordinance is for charging for low potency license fees.

Council Member Klinnert offered Resolution No. 13563-11/2026, "**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 539, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 69 – CANNABIS TO THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY CODE,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 540 – an ordinance amending Chapter 190 – Zoning of the City code. Seconded by Council Member Rezac and carried unanimously. This ordinance limits where in town you can sell low potency cannabis.

Council Member Rezac offered Resolution No. 13564-12/2026, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 540, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190 – ZONING, OF THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY CODE," and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Committee Reports:

- A. Finance – New vehicle for the Police Department.
- B. Public Works – None.
- C. Personnel – None.
- D. Public Safety – Some signage will be going up on 4th Street at St. Mary's to slow people down during school time; Parking on the north side of St. Mary's Church, it will go from diagonal to parallel parking; Railroad – 8th street - the flashing light has been fixed so people will know that they're going to be loading/unloading trains; Alleyway restrictions; Code Red alert system has been changed over to Wilkin Alerts; Working on rental ordinances and working on misdemeanors and petty misdemeanors changes.
- E. Others as needed – LEC Committee; Special Assessments, Active Living, Arts Council, Library – None.

Staff Reports:

- City Administrator – Working on yearend reporting – 1099s, w-2s, all of the state reports that need to get done for the previous year.
- City Attorney – 506 Andrews house – everyone is out of the house; Infinity Center
- Director of Public Services – Brooks asked about the Bois de Sioux walking path. Someone has been dumping snow there. Neil said that it isn't the City guys, but he will have our guys move it.
- Building Official/Codes – 2025 Annual Report of Permits issued – additions and repairs were about the same, directive demolition was about the same. On the commercial side, we had a huge increase. Two new structures were built for a 2.3 million increase; 506 Andrews house – a big thanks to everyone who helped getting people out of the building! Now that everyone is out, the landlord said he is going to get someone to make the repairs and get the building back to livable condition.
- Chief of Police – None.

Mayor's Comments: It's Catholic Schools Week. Going to read the proclamation tomorrow. Steak and wine is at St. Mary's this weekend. The theme is Back to the 80's. It is a great fundraiser for the school and church.

Other Comments: Scott thanked everyone that has been involved with the Infinity Center.

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

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

SYDNEY WIERTZEMA, City Administrator