

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on March 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Rick Busko, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder and Scott Wermerskirchen; City Administrator Renae Smith and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Members Absent: Council Member Meyer.

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

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

Motion by Council Member Jawaski 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 February 22, 2022.
- B. Motion approving a Seasonal Liquor License for the Bois de Sioux Golf Course.

After reviewing the financial information provided, the Port Authority is recommending that a MIF loan be given to Triple S Services. Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13245-19/2022, **“A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MINNESOTA INVESTMENT FUND LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,000 PLUS INTEREST, TO TRIPLE S SERVICES, LLC FOR PURCHASE OF AN EXISTING BUSINESS,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Bruce Yaggie – Infinity Center: Representatives from the Infinity Center were present to ask for support from the City for a bonding bill they are working on. Bruce Yaggie has been meeting with lobbyists from Flaherty and Hood as well as Senator Torrey Westrom about a bonding bill to help pay for the construction of the Infinity Center; City Administrator Smith has been involved in those discussions. The Infinity Center Group is asking for \$10 million which is roughly half of the building cost. The group is confident they can raise the remaining half and would also plan to do some in-kind work to cut down on some of the expenses.

A local government agency such as the County or City would need to be named as the owner of the facility, but they could lease the building back to a private entity. If the County is named as the facility owner in the bonding bill, it would appear to have a greater regional impact, and the chances of the bill going through would be better than if the City is named as the owner. The group will be meeting with the County tomorrow, but the bill needs to be finalized this week as most bills have already been submitted.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to support the City being the owner of the Infinity Center in the bonding bill if Wilkin County is unwilling. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13246-20/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE BEING NAMED THE OWNER OF THE INFINITY CENTER IN THE BONDING BILL,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13247-21/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13248-22/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF JOSH NACK AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR THE BRECKENRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Comments: None.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

RENAE SMITH, City Administrator