

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on October 16, 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, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway.

Members Absent: City Attorney Jason Butts.

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

With the additions of 5C – Raffle permit application from the Breckenridge Fire Relief Association and 6.1A – Public Hearing for a Cannabis moratorium, City Council Member Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously.

Open Discussion: Liz Lynch from the Lake Agassiz Regional Library thanked the City for their continuing support and gave an update on some of their programs and how they track some of the library's traffic.

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 October 2, 2023.
- B. Motion accepting various donations/grants received for the 3rd quarter of 2024.
- C. Motion approving a Raffle Permit for the Breckenridge Fire Relief Association.

Motion by Council Member Meyer to open a public hearing regarding a moratorium on Cannabis. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously. Comments were heard from the public. Dale Anderson advocated for the Green Apple stating their products help with his back pain allowing him to work. David Hoffert, the owner of the Green Apple, had some questions which the Police Chief answered the best he could. Right now, Breckenridge will be following the State of Minnesota statutes until the City gets its own ordinance in place. The moratorium is to basically not allow any other businesses to open in the City (ones that don't already have a license through the State) until the City adopts its own ordinance. The moratorium would then be lifted. Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to close the public hearing. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 527 – An interim ordinance amending Chapter §170 prohibiting the sale, delivery, distribution, etc. of Cannabis in the City of Breckenridge. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Vedder to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 528 – An ordinance amending Chapter §86 – Fees. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously. This ordinance adds a \$30 parking fee to the Fee Schedule. Council Member Vedder would like to see some stricter penalties for repeat offenders similar to a tiered system. Chief Karlgaard will bring that up at the next Police Committee prior to the 2nd reading of the ordinance.

Motion by Council Member Wermerskirchen to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance No. 529 – an ordinance amending Chapter §89 – Firearms. Seconded by Council Member Fox and carried unanimously. This ordinance will allow a bow and arrow to be used in town under certain circumstances. Council Member Vedder would like to have a minimum age limit on who is able to shoot them. Chief Karlgaard will bring that up at the next Police Committee prior to the 2nd reading of the ordinance.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13394-71/2023, **“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.

Mayor’s Comments: Glad to see Council Member Jawaski back. Chief Karlgaard wanted to recognize Jim for his calmness allowing the responders to get him freed in a timely manner. Responders were Breckenridge Police, Breckenridge Public Works, Breckenridge Fire, local Ambulance Service, Inc., and Wilkin County Sheriff. Mr. Jawaski was thankful to all who were there at the time and as well as prayed for him during his recovery.

Other Comments: None.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator