

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on December 5, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Beth Meyer, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Chris Vedder, and Scott Wermerskirchen. City Administrator Lori Conway and City Attorney Jason Butts.

Member Absent: Council Member Rick Busko.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Recognition of Jared Hoechst – Mayor Wilson presented Jared with a Letter of Recognition for the brave actions he displayed on November 20<sup>th</sup> while saving the lives of two people during a vehicle accident. While the car was on fire and filled with smoke, Mr. Hoechst did not hesitate and pulled both individuals from the burning car and then administered first aid to them while waiting for the paramedics to arrive. Much of his family was in attendance for the presentation.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting on November 21, 2022.

Following the recommendation of the Public Utilities Commission, Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13312-86/2022, **“A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF AN APPRENTICE LINEMAN FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Wermerskirchen and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen offered Resolution No. 13313-87/2022, **“A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13314-88/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REBATE FOR PARCEL NO. 23-210-0110 THROUGH THE NEW HOME PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

The State requires cities to designate election precincts each year. No changes are planned for 2023. Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13315-89/2022, **“A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACES FOR ELECTIONS HELD IN THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE FOR THE YEAR 2023,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

In conjunction with the insurance policy renewal each year, Council Member Vedder offered Resolution No. 13316-90/2022, **“A RESOLUTION INDICATING A PREFERENCE TO THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES INSURANCE TRUST THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO WAIVE THE TORT LIABILITY LIMIT,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Meyer and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 until 6:00 p.m. when the Truth in Taxation hearing will be held. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

Council Member Wermerskirchen moved to re-open the meeting at 6:00 p.m. for the Truth in Taxation hearing. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

City Administrator, Lori Conway, presented the Truth in Taxation hearing information. She compared the expenses/revenues over the last 10 years and explained some slight modifications that were done this last month after receiving updated information.

Council Member Meyer offered Resolution No. 13317-91/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2022 TAX LEVY PAYABLE IN 2023 AT \$1,083,182,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously. This is a 4% increase from last year.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13318-92/2022, **“A RESOLUTION SETTING THE FINAL 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE AT \$3,641,150,”** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

Other Comments:

- Council Member Meyer was contacted by Shirley Fox to see if the City Council would be interested in participating in a bell-ringing challenge with the City Council members in Wahpeton. The consensus was to accept the challenge if Wahpeton is willing.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Vedder and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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LORI A. CONWAY, City Administrator