

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor Russell Wilson; Council Members Rick Busko, Jason Butts, Reed Johnson, James Jawaski, Jim Gill, and Josh Lauritsen. City Administrator Renae Smith.

Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Wilson.

Motion by Council Member Jawaski to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously.

Council Member Butts offered Resolution No. 13004-95/2019, **"A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS,"** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Gill. Bond attorney, Andy Pratt, was teleconferenced in. City Administrator Smith explained that the city staff and Port Authority have been negotiating purchase agreements with certain property owners on the southeast edge of the City. The goal is to acquire the property and develop at least a portion of it for an industrial park. Thus, certain infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer and a road might be constructed. A bond would be used to pay for the land costs and improvements. Andy Pratt explained that in order to be reimbursed for expenditures prior to the bond sale, a resolution needs to be passed indicating the same. Upon roll call vote, the resolution passed unanimously.

Open Discussion: Maxine Adams from the Lake Region Arts Council in Fergus Falls explained how they have a variety of grants available to organizations on the Minnesota side. In order to apply for some of the grants, an art advisory committee needs to be formed as part of the City. The Three Rivers Arts Council has volunteer members from both Breckenridge and Wahpeton areas and do projects in both cities, so they could serve as the advisory committee (many of the members were in attendance). It would be advantageous to have a City Council member on the committee to serve as a liaison but not required. There is one grant in particular that must also include two community partner non-profit organizations in order to apply.

The City will look at the Charter to see if a City Council member must serve on the committee and coordinate with Roger Jensen and Maxine to get the Three Rivers Arts Council designated as the art advisory committee for the City of Breckenridge.

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

- A. Motion approving the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of December 2, 2019.

- B. Motion approving to file the minutes from the Breckenridge Public Utility meeting of December 2, 2019.
- C. Motion approving soil boring quotes in the amount of \$11,500 from Terracon for various properties the City may potentially purchase and for land associated with the South Side Drainage Project.
- D. Motion approving the renewal of a Garbage Haulers License for Waste Management and Fraedrich Transport.
- E. Motion approving Retail Tobacco License applications from Casey's Bar, Blazer Express, Poets Warehouse Liquors, and Superpumper.

Council Member Gill opened the public hearing regarding the T21 Tobacco Ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously. Ashley Wiertzema from the Wilkin County We Care Coalition gave an explanation on how they are still trying to combat vaping with minors. She stated that there is more research being conducted now that illustrates just how bad it is for your health, and it is getting more attention in the media.

This ordinance being presented tonight had originated with the Public Health Law Firm and was modified by the Police Committee based on what they thought would work best for the City. If this ordinance is approved, it will change the legal age from 18 to 21 to whom local businesses can sell tobacco products. Council Member Butts moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously.

The first reading of Ordinance No. 511, Replacing Chapter 170 – Tobacco ordinance and amending Chapter 86 – Fees, took place. City Administrator Smith commented that the definition for Term should be changed such that the license is valid from the date of issuance rather than from January 1.

Along with a meeting salary list, Council Member Jawaski offered Resolution No. 13005-96/2019, **"A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,"** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Gill and carried unanimously.

Council Member Lauritsen offered Resolution No. 13006-97/2019, **"A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING VARIOUS DONATIONS AND GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE,"** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Butts and carried unanimously.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13007-98/2019, **"A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FROM KPH, INC. OF FARGO, ND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,435,303.13 FOR THE SOUTH SIDE DRAINAGE FLOOD MITIGATION, PROJECT NO. 308-17"** and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Gill and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Comments:

- The City received a card from the Breckenridge 4<sup>th</sup> graders thanking the City officials for speaking with them and answering all of their questions about City Government at their recent outing at City Hall.

Other Comments:

- Thanks went out to the Fire and Police Departments for their response to the recent garage and vehicle fires.

Motion by Council Member Gill to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

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RENAE SMITH, City Administrator