

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge City Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference as authorized under MN Statute 13D.021 due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Member Absent: None.

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

Council Member Jawaski moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Johnson and carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Dean Birkeland from CarlsonSV presented to the Council the 2019 City financial audit. City records are in great shape; Renae and staff do a wonderful job keeping them straight. This was the first audit CarlsonSV has done completely remotely (due to COVID-19), and it went very well. Thanks went out to Dean and his crew for working with the City and keeping things on track during the pandemic.

Open Discussion: None.

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

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting from May 18, 2020, and special City Council meeting from May 28, 2020.
- B. Motion to approve the filing of the Public Utilities Commission minutes from May 18, 2020.
- C. Motion approving a quote from Grand Forks Fire Equipment, LLC for 6 batteries and a smart charger in the amount of \$1,921.16. (to be paid with donations received)
- D. Motion approving a quote from Minn-Kota Communications, Inc. for a radio and installation in a fire vehicle in the amount of \$3,541.50. (to be paid with donations received)

Council Member Busko offered Resolution No. 13052-45/2020, "**A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Council Member Johnson offered Resolution No. 13053-46/2020, "**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING A FEASIBILITY REPORT AND CALLING A HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE NEW YORK AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 310-19,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Butts and carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mike Bassingthwaite from Interstate Engineering explained the feasibility report for the New York Avenue Extension project. Due to a portion of the project being assessed to other property owners and how they are benefited, a feasibility study is required by state statutes.

The next step will be sending out improvement hearing notices to the newspaper and affected landowners. Contractor bid opening will be June 15th as well as the special assessment hearing. Surveying and the platting process will need to take place as well. July 6th will be the tentative date for the special assessment hearing. By statute, there is a 30-day appeal period after the hearing, so the contract cannot be awarded until after that has expired. The City is still working with landowners on securing two sections of land that was previously approved by the Council. For one of the parcels, the City is purchasing only a portion of it for the road project instead of the entire property.

Council Member Gill offered Resolution No. 13054-47/2020, "**A RESOLUTION REFUNDING LOCAL RESTAURANT/BARS CERTAIN LICENSE FEES DUE TO COVID-19 CLOSURES,**" and moved for its adoption. Seconded by Council Member Busko and carried unanimously via roll call vote. The City has not heard anything if they will be reimbursed for any lost revenues due to COVID-19. Renae is keeping track of miscellaneous expenses though.

Mayor's Comments.

- The Breckenridge graduation parade was fun; he was glad it could be held in Wahpeton, since it wasn't allowed in Minnesota due to COVID-19 parade restrictions.

Other Comments:

- Council Member Butts wanted to commend Chief Karlgaard and his officers for doing a great job during this pandemic. It has been a tough period, and people are not happy with them for enforcing the governor's orders. They don't make the laws; their job is to enforce the laws and not look the other way. Many times, it is not the popular decision with everyone. The Chief commented that he appreciates the support from the City.

Motion by Council Member Gill to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Seconded by Council Member Jawaski and carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ATTEST:

RUSSELL WILSON, Mayor

RENAE SMITH, City Administrator