



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 5:30 PM
Breckenridge City Offices Commission Chambers
105 North Rose Avenue
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

MINUTES

**REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS, HELD ON THIS DATE
WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT.**

PRESENT

MAYOR
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 1
MAYOR PRO TEM, PLACE 2
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 3
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 4

BOB SIMS
BLAKE HAMILTON
GREG AKERS
JUNIOR FERNANDEZ
PAUL HUNTINGTON JR.

CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY
POLICE CHIEF
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
FIRE CHIEF
PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR
FINANCE DIRECTOR

CYNTHIA NORTHROP
JESSICA SUTTER
BLAKE JOHNSON
J. POTTS
MALCOLM BUFKIN
TAYLOR HARDY
DIANE LATHAM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

No Speakers

No Action Taken

STAFF REPORT

City Manager

1. City Business

Reschedule October 2nd meeting

Introduction of Taylor Hardy

Update on TWDB Project

Update on ongoing utility projects

Street Project update

2. Upcoming Events

09/08 Citizens Academy

09/13 9-1-1 Benefit (Higginbotham's)

09/17 Homecoming Parade

09/18 Bulk Pickup

10/07 National Night Out

Police Chief

3. Employee of the Month Presentation- Stephen Sharp

No Action Taken

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Mayor Sims opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m.

4. Public Hearing on proposed FY 2025-2026 City of Breckenridge budget.

With there being no speakers, Mayor Sims closed the Public Hearing at 5:48 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA.

5. Consider approval of the August 5, 2025, regular commission meeting minutes as recorded.

6. Consider approval of the August 26, 2025, special commission meeting minutes as recorded.

7. Consider approval of department head reports and monthly investment reports for July 2025.

8. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-23 confirming and accepting securities pledged for municipal funds while acting as City Depository.
9. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-25 for recommended Board of Director appointments to the BEDC.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5-9 as presented. Commissioner Huntington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Discussion and any necessary action regarding the BEDC FY 2025-2026 Budget.

Executive Director of the BEDC, Michael Paris, presented commissioners with the FY 2025-2026 Budget.

Commissioner Huntington made a motion to approve the BEDC FY 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Discussion and any necessary action approving the Facility Use Agreement with Stephens County Humane Society for a city owned building located at 210 N. Live Oak Street, Breckenridge, previously known as the Sis Clark Building.

City Manager Northrop explained that this facility use agreement has no changes and is a renewal for one year.

Mayor Pro Tem Akers made a motion to approve the Stephens County Humane Society Facility Use Agreement as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and any necessary action on approving Ordinance 2025-17 adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, appropriating the various amounts thereof, and repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Northrop explained that this action item is to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget that has been presented to commissioners.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-17 and set and approve the Municipal Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Commissioner Huntington seconded the motion. City Secretary Jessica Sutter took a roll call vote with Mayor Sims voting Aye, Commissioner Hamilton Voting Aye, Mayor Pro Tem Akers voting Nay, Commissioner Fernandez voting Nay, and Commissioner Huntington Voting Yay. The motion passed 3-2.

13. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approval of Resolution 2025-24 ratifying the tax revenue for the tax year 2025 (FY 2025-2026) for the City of Breckenridge.

City Manager Northrop reviewed the proposed tax rate of \$1.02893.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Commissioner Huntington seconded the motion. City Secretary Jessica Sutter took a roll call vote with Mayor Sims Voting Yay, Commissioner Hamilton voting Yay, Mayor Pro Tem Akers Voting Yay, Commissioner Fernandez voting Yay, and Commissioner Huntington voting Yay. The motion passed 5-0.

14. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance 2025-15 Levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the Use and Support of the Municipal Government of the City of Breckenridge, Texas, and providing for the Interest and Sinking Fund for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Directing the collection thereof; and providing for the time of paying the Ad Valorem taxes levied and providing that taxes become delinquent if not paid.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-15 and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$102893 which is effectively a 3.11 percent increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Huntington seconded the motion. City Secretary Jessica Sutter took a roll call vote with Mayor Sims voting Yay, Commissioner Hamilton voting Yay, Mayor Pro Tem Akers voting Nay, Commissioner Fernandez voting Nay, and Commissioner Huntington Voting Yay. The motion passed 3-2.

15. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance 2025-16 amending FY 2024-2025 official budget adopted by Ordinance 2024-16.

City Manager Northrop explained that budget amendments are generally presented either biannually or quarterly when a need arises to revise the current year's approved fiscal budget. Amendments to the budget can be found in the agenda packet for review.

Commissioner Huntington made a motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-16 as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioner Fernandez and Mayor Pro Tem Akers voting Nay.

RECEIVE REQUESTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS/STAFF FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA

No requests.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Sims adjourned the regular session at 5:58 p.m.

Bob Sims, Mayor

Jessica Sutter, City Secretary