



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 1, 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
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 2
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 4

BOB SIMS
BLAKE HAMILTON
GREG AKERS
ROB DURHAM

CITY MANAGER
CITY SECRETARY
POLICE CHIEF
CODE ENFORCEMENT/FIRE CHIEF
FINANCE DIRECTOR
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

NOT PRESENT

MAYOR PRO TEM, PLACE 3

VINCE MOORE

CALL TO ORDER

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

Invocation led by Yuri Huntington

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

Kevin King-1507 W. Elm
Dale Garner-AEL
David Ratliff-County Waste Service

No Action Taken

STAFF REPORT

Fire Chief

2. Employee of the Month-Bret Chaney

City Manager

3. City Business

FTTH Project

TXDOT Transportation Alternatives

4. Upcoming Events

4/3 Last day to register to vote

4/13-19 National Telecommunicator Appreciation Week

4/17 Bulk Pickup

4/21-29 Early Voting

4/21-25 Wastewater Workers Appreciation Week

5/2-3 Frontier Days

No Action Taken

CONSENT AGENDA.

5. Consider approval of March 4, 2025, regular commission meeting minutes as recorded.
6. Consider approval of department head reports and monthly investment reports for February 2025.
7. Consider approval of Resolution 2025-06 re-appointing Will Thompson as Director on the WCTMWD Board for a term set to expire May 31, 2027.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve consent agenda items 5-7 as presented. Commissioner Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and any necessary action on request to replat the property located at 612 W. Wheeler and 614 W. Wheeler - currently legally described as Brown Addition, Block 4, Lot 6 and Brown Addition, Block 4, Lot 5 into one lot. The property owner intends to build a single-family home on the lot.

City Manager Cynthia Northrop reviewed the requested replat, stating that the property is currently two vacant lots. The property owner would like to replat the property into one lot and build a single-family home. The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 24, 2025, and recommended approval.

Commissioner Akers made a motion to approve a replat to the property located at 612 W. Wheeler as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

9. Discussion and any necessary action approving BEDC Board recommendation for incentive to Fielden Aero.

The BEDC has approved an economic incentive to Fielden Aero to aid their relocation to the Stephens County Airport. Stephens County is leasing a hanger to them and is waving rent for the first year. The BEDC will cover the 2nd year of rent. To qualify for the full rent reimbursement, the company must maintain a payroll of \$250,000 for the second year.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the BEDC Board recommendation for an incentive to Fielden Aero as presented. Commissioner Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

10. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approving BEDC Board recommendation for incentive to Soggy Dog Wine and Brew.

The BEDC Board has approved an economic incentive to Soggy Dog Wine and Brew. The incentive is a mixture of a forgivable loan and grant. The \$60,000 loan's annual payments may be forgiven if payroll is at least \$250,000/year for the next five years. The grant factors in five years of increased property tax and sales tax collections. and will be for \$68,710. BEDC will also give a start-up incentive at door opening in the amount of \$10,000.

Commissioner Akers made a motion to approve the BEDC Board recommendation for an incentive to Soggy Dog Wine and Brew as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

11. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Aquatic Center Operations for 2025.

City Secretary Jessica Sutter reviewed the recommended schedule for the 2025 pool season. Staff recommend the pool be open from May 24, 2025, through August 2, 2025, and to maintain the hours from the 2024 season.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the Aquatic Center Operations for 2025 as presented. Commissioner Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

12. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approval of Frontier Days 2025.

City Manager Northrop reviewed the schedule and events for the 2025 Frontier Days event to be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, and Saturday, May 3, 2025.

Commissioner Akers made a motion to approve Frontier Days 2025 as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

13. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approval of Ordinance 2025-06 amending Chapter 10, Article 1 of the Breckenridge Code of Ordinances.

City Manager Northrop explained that there is not a minimum fee set by ordinance for the violation of high grass/weeds and accumulation of rubbish. The proposed ordinance update establishes minimum fines as well as escalating fines for repeat offenders.

14. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Fire Station phasing.

City Manager Northrop reviewed the previously approved three-phase plan approved by commissioners for the demolition and rebuilding of a new modest metal building on the existing slab. She reviewed the results of the feasibility study that was requested by the ad hoc committee and approved by the commissioners. City Commissioners discussed numerous issues and options.

Commissioner Durham made a motion to approve phase 2 of the Fire Station rebuild and demolition of the existing building. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Akers made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Durham voting nay.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

15. Discussion and direction regarding upcoming FY 2025-2026 Budget and Strategic Plan review.

The City Manager reviewed the Strategic Plan, reviewing progress made. She also reviewed the staff/departamental priorities. Asked for Commissioner feedback and explained next step will be to get citizen input at an open house, similar to the open house that was held in 2023. No action taken.

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 7:55 p.m.

Bob Sims, Mayor

Jessica Sutter, City Secretary

