

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRECKENRIDGE CITY COMMISSION



Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM  
Breckenridge City Offices Commission Chambers  
105 North Rose Avenue  
Breckenridge, Texas 76424

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## MINUTES

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

### **PRESENT**

MAYOR	BOB SIMS
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 1	BLAKE HAMILTON
MAYOR PRO TEM, PLACE 2	GREG AKERS
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 3	JUNIOR FERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER, PLACE 4	PAUL HUNTINGTON JR.
CITY MANAGER	CYNTHIA NORTHROP
CITY SECRETARY	JESSICA SUTTER
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY	LACY BOTTS
POLICE CHIEF	BLAKE JOHNSON
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	J. POTTS
FIRE CHIEF	MALCOLM BUFKIN
PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR	TAYLOR HARDY
FINANCE DIRECTOR	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

##### Emergency Declaration Recap

##### Public Works Director Update

Cynthia Northrop also reviewed the Brush Pickup updated schedule with Commissioners.

### **City Secretary**

#### 2. Upcoming events:

01/12 Session 1- Citizens Academy

01/14 First Day for candidates to file an application for a place on the Ballot

01/15 Bulk Pickup

01/19 City Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

### **Police Chief**

#### 3. Employee of the Month-Christa Hanna

Discussion only. No Action Taken

## **CONSENT AGENDA.**

4. Consider approval of the December 2, 2025, regular commission meeting minutes as recorded.

5. Consider approval of department head reports and monthly investment reports for November 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Akers made a motion to approve consent agenda items 4-5 as presented. Commissioner Fernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

Mayor Sims opened the Public Hearing at 5:51 p.m.

6. Conduct a public hearing regarding request to replat the property located at 905 W. 5th (currently legally described as Roswell Addition, Block 10, Lot 9, 10 & E/32.6 of 110) into two lots.

With there being no speakers Mayor Sims closed the Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m.

## ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and any necessary action regarding a request to replat the property located at 905 W. 5th, currently described as Rosewell Addition, Block 10, Lot 9, 10, & E/32.6 of 11 into two lots.

City Manager, Cynthia Northrop stated that the property owner would like to replat the property from one lot into two lots and plans to build a home on the new lot. Planning and Zoning Commissioners met on December 15, 2025, and recommended approval of the replat.

Mayor Pro Tem Akers made a motion to approve the requested replat to the property located at 905 W. 5<sup>th</sup> as presented. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

8. Discussion and any necessary action regarding waiver of outstanding taxes for the following properties:

205 W. 3rd

601 N. Harvey

1305 W. 1st

919 N. Breckenridge Ave.

1005 E. Elm

City Manager Northrop explained that the city has acquired multiple substandard structures. Some of these properties have been sold, and others the city intends to sell. However, they have outstanding ad valorem taxes. City Staff believe that it should not be the responsibility of the new owners to pay the outstanding taxes from previous owners. Breckenridge ISD, Stephens Memorial Hospital, and Stephens County have all approve to waive their portion of the back taxes.

Commissioner Huntington made a motion to waive the city's portion of outstanding ad valorem taxes, included penalties and interest, on the listed properties. Mayor Pro Tem Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Ordinance 2025-20 authorizing the issuance of City of Breckenridge, Texas Combination Tax Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026, in the principal amount of \$1,720,000 to fund water system improvements and awarding sale of such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

Northrop explained that the City has applied for and received a combination grant and low-interest-rate loan through the Texas Water Development Board's Series 2026 Water Loss Assistance Fund for water line replacement. This ordinance authorizes the issuance of \$1,720,000 in Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates. There was an administrative error during preparation of documents. The Ordinance number is being corrected to a 2026 Ordinance number.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion authorizing the issuance of City of Breckenridge, Texas Combination Tax Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2026, in the principal amount of \$1,720,000 to fund water system improvements and awarding sale of such Certificates of Obligation to the Texas Water Development Board; and resolving other matters relating to the subject and correcting the ordinance number from 2025-20 to 2026-01. Commissioner Huntington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Discussion and any necessary action regarding Resolution 2025-35 approving the execution and delivery of a grant agreement in the amount of \$4,003,900 for Water System Improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

City Manager Northrop stated that this resolution approves the grant agreement between the City of Breckenridge and the Texas Water Development Board where the City receives \$4,003,900 in grant funding for water line replacement.

Commissioner Huntington made a motion to approve the execution and delivery of a grant agreement in the amount of \$4,003,900 for Water System Improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject and correcting the Resolution number from 2025-35 to 2026-01. Mayor Pro Tem Akers seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Discussion and any necessary action regarding approval of Resolution 2025-36 authorizing and directing establishment of construction account with depository bank pursuant to bond ordinance; appointing authorized signatories with respect to such accounts; and resolving other matters relating to the subject.

Northrop stated that this resolution authorizes the establishment of two construction accounts with the depository bank related to the bond ordinance and grant agreement.

Commissioner Huntington made a motion to approve the establishment of construction account with depository bank pursuant to bond ordinance; appointing authorized signatories with respect to such accounts; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. And correcting the Resolution number from 2025-36 to 2026-02. Commissioner Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Sims Convened the meeting into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act (the "Act"), the City Commission will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss the following:*

**Consultation with Attorney**

*§551.071(1),(2): Consultation with attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation, or a settlement offer; or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter:*

12. City of Breckenridge vs. Akers Investments, LLC, et al; Cause No. CV33796 in the 90th Judicial District Court of Stephens County, Texas.
13. Personnel Investigation.

Mayor Sims convened the meeting into open session at 6:32 p.m. with no action taken.

**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 6:32 p.m.

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Bob Sims, Mayor

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Jessica Sutter, City Secretary