

Village of Breckenridge
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2008

A regular meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Buchanan at the Breckenridge High School Media Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn.

Councilpersons Present: Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Ostrander, Zimmerman, and Buchanan.

Councilpersons Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber, Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn.

Motion by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Sterling, to approve the agenda. CARRIED

Motion by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Sterling, to go into executive session for Belles and Collins at 7:30 p.m. CARRIED

Motion by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to go back into regular session at 8:05 p.m. CARRIED

Motion by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to approve the consent agenda Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Ostrander, Zimmerman, Anderson and Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED

Interim Manager/Chief highlighted on his report and as going to look into the Kim's Lawn Care contract because it did not go out for bids.

Committee/Board Reports were received.

Public Comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Chapin to amend the agenda to allow discussion on the legal action with Belles and Collins. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Schaub, Sterling, Ostrander, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, and Buchanan. CARRIED

President Buchanan stated that he knew there were three offers on the Golf Course. Two of the offers are different and he did not know if they have accepted or declined them. Councilperson Anderson asked if the golf carts were gone and President Buchanan stated yes.

Councilperson Schaub stated that he could not approve the budget because it was done very quickly and it should have been started and given to council quite some time ago. He was glad that we had a budget to present.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to approve the 2008-2009 budgets. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Sterling, Ostrander, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin and Buchanan. Nays: Schaub CARRIED

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Schaub to approve the Library estimated year end budget for 2007-2008. CARRIED

President Buchanan stated that he would like to see Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber be on the signature cards so there is another check and balances in the office.

Moved by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to add Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber to the signature cards. CARRIED

President Buchanan stated that the Village has a deadline of March 2, 2008 to contact the lawyer on our action with the Belles and Collins case.

Motioned by Councilperson Schaub and seconded by Councilperson Anderson to allow Interim Manager/Chief to contact our lawyer to proceed with the next step. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Ostrander, and Buchanan. Nays: None CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

President Buchanan appointed committee members.

Motioned by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to approve the committee appointments. CARRIED

President Buchanan stated that there will be a newsletter created bi-monthly and for the first newsletter the information needs to be handed into the Clerk/Treasurer by March 14, 2008.

President Buchanan stated that there has been a lot of discussion on a spokesperson for the Village and would like to make the recommendation to appoint Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber as the Village spokesperson.

Motioned by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to appoint Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber as the Village spokesperson. CARRIED

Councilperson Schaub stated that he and Jim talked with Chuck Fortino from Fortino, Maskal and Castanzo and Chuck would like to be the Village attorney again and Councilperson Schaub and President Buchanan would like to see us go back to them.

Councilperson Schaub stated that they had just done a Village to City and was up to date on it and they believe they could make it happen for us.

Motioned by Councilperson Schaub and seconded by Councilperson Chapin to contract with Fortino to represent the Village. Roll Call. Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Schaub, Sterling, Ostrander, Zimmerman, and Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED

Councilperson Schaub stated that they letter should be sent to Peter Jenson letting him know that he would no longer be our attorney.

Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber stated that we have done a lot of contract work because the backhoe that we have now is not safe. When you let up off a lever it continues to move for three seconds.

President Buchanan stated that he would like to see Councilperson Schaub and Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber get bids together.

Councilperson Anderson stated that we should get the DPW workers involved because they are the ones that are using it.

Councilperson Schaub stated that we are short on crossing guards. Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber stated that he would like to get two hired in so we had enough backups.

Councilperson Schaub read a letter that he wanted everyone to know that he was not involved in the hiring of the new part-time secretary.

Public Comments were received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Eichorn
Clerk/Treasurer Village of Breckenridge