

Village of Breckenridge
Regular Meeting
August 25, 2008

A regular meeting of the Breckenridge Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Buchanan at Breckenridge High School, Room M-9. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call was taken by Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn.

Councilpersons Present: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman & Buchanan

Councilpersons Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim Manager/Chief Mecomber, Clerk/Treasurer Eichorn, & Water Superintendent Don Eichorn

Motion by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Schaub, to approve the agenda with corrections. CARRIED.

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

Interim Manager/Chief highlighted on his report.

Committee/Board Reports were received.

Public Comments were received.

OLD BUSINESS

MERS

Councilperson Anderson stated that our unfunded balance is 800,000.00 and it started in 2003. Right now we are paying 15% of payroll and next year it goes up to 25%. Employees are not willing to drop from a B-4, and when the stock market is not good we don't earn a lot. He would like to see us go to a 401K. He stated concern about the volatility in the stock market. We could freeze everything to run numbers and find out where we are, stop new employees from going into the B-4, or do nothing.

Councilperson Schaub stated that nonunion employees could be made to pay 10% which would have them funding the B-4 plan themselves. Councilperson Anderson stated that yes council could do that.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Chapin to put a hard freeze on the MERS Retirement for everyone and open a 401K. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Chapin & Buchanan. Nays: Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling & Zimmerman.

Shell Station

President Buchanan stated that news on the Nagel building is that Chris is going to pay \$5,000.00 to tear it down to just to cement. President Buchanan talked with Rick Henry and he didn't think it would be a problem to take even the foundation out for that cost. Council definitely wants it taken out all the way down to the soil. President Buchanan stated that Manager Bob, President Buchanan and Linton Chapin would sign the agreement when satisfied.

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to allow the Village Manager, President and Linton Chapin to sign agreement when satisfied. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander and Buchanan.

DPW Staffing

President Buchanan stated currently we have three DPW workers and one Water/Wastewater employee and after tonight we could be less one person so we need DPW and personnel committee to meet and discuss our options.

FEMA Grant

President Buchanan stated that the fire department got the FEMA Grant and they will be buying new Jaws, Air packs and a thermo imaging camera.

Finance Reporting

Councilperson Anderson stated that he wants budget amendments to be made when they reach \$500.00 and no budget transfers are to be made. All amendments need to be brought to council before they are changed.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to set the amount at \$500.00 for budget amendments and no changes will be made until council approves it.

All Yeas. CARRIED

Matching Funds – County

Councilperson Schaub stated that the Village will be responsible for \$1.00 per real parcel for the matching. The Village of Breckenridge is responsible for \$561.00.

Moved by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to pay Greater Gratiot \$561.00 from planning for our portion of matching funds. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Zimmerman, Anderson, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling and Buchanan. Nays: None. CARRIED.

Tree Ordinance

Councilperson Schaub stated that there were some minor changes to the ordinance, and the next step is to have a public hearing. The planning committee felt instead of having two public hearings we would do one. President Buchanan set the public hearing on September 22, 2008 at 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Streets

Manager/Chief Mecomber stated that the street is just about done. Council needs to make a decision now if they want lines or not. Mecomber will look into cost and bring it back to next meeting. He will also come back with an estimate on the cost from 5th Street to Chestnut.

Infrastructure

Steve from Rowe talked about what he and Bob have been working on and trying to get grants to fund what needs to be done. New water tower, extending water to Wheeler, and a walking trail to Wheeler were just some of the things he discussed.

Building Inspector

President Buchanan would like to request to have Jeff Ostrander as the Village Building Inspector. Ostrander stated that he would do it as a volunteer.

Moved by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Schaub to allow Jeff Ostrander to be the Village Building Inspector. All Yeas. CARRIED

Invoice Approval

Dixon Engineering for water tower maintenance inspection.

Moved by Councilperson Schaub, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to pay Dixon Engineering \$1,950.00 for water tower maintenance. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Anderson, Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman and Buchannan. Nays: None. CARRIED

The Computer Guy for new server and labor.

Moved by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to pay The Computer Guy \$2,215.00 for the server and maintenance. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Chapin, Ostrander, Schaub, Sterling and Buchannan. Nays: Zimmerman & Anderson. CARRIED.

Greater Gratiot

President Buchanan stated that we have to appoint a person to the GGDI Board, and recommends Councilperson Schaub stay on.

Moved by Councilperson Chapin, seconded by Councilperson Zimmerman to have Councilperson Schaub stay on the GGDI Board. All Yeas. CARRIED.

Public Comments were received.

Moved by Councilperson Zimmerman, seconded by Councilperson Ostrander to go into executive session to discuss Early Retirement and Manager Contract. All Yeas. CARRIED.

Council left regular meeting at 9:00pm.

Council returned to regular session at 10.05.

Moved by councilperson Chapin, seconded by councilperson Zimmerman to approve the managers contract with the following changes: 2F take out after 1year, Salary start at \$40, 352 (pro-rate), 2% pay incentive, 25 work days per year, Retirement per handbook, holidays per handbook, sick per handbook, bereavement 3 days, health insurance employer pay, rest per handbook. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Ostrander, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin, and Buchanan. Nays: Schaub.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Sterling to allow parks to spend \$85.00 on horseshoe fence, \$700.00 for fence, \$200.00 for swings and \$250.00 for paint for the pavilion. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Schaub, Sterling, Zimmerman, Anderson, Chapin and Buchanan. Nays: Ostrander. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Eichorn
Clerk/Treasurer Village of Breckenridge