

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Broken Bow Library. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on December 5, 2019. Availability of the agenda and related materials was communicated in the advanced notice to the Mayor and all members of the Council, as well as, shared with various media outlets. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Mayor Jonathon Berghorst called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Absent: Myers. Mayor Berghorst announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Berghorst read the format for submitting requests for future agenda items.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to excuse Chris Myers from the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda for December 10, 2019. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$719.99, \$259.78, \$287.87; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$1,070.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, fuel, \$1,244.29; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$6,712.90; Broken Bow Postmaster, PO box fee, \$150.00, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, utilities, internet & bunker gear, \$6,798.13; Bruning State Bank, motor grader payment, \$36,022.20; Card Services, supplies, \$249.06; Century Link, telephone, \$611.07; City of Broken Bow Flex Benefit, \$116.04, \$150.00; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,797.96, \$27,733.49; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$1,934.51, \$6,862.58; Custer County Chief, publication, \$516.28; Custer County Treasurer, communications interlocal, \$11,801.52; Custer Public Power, CD cell power, \$103.23; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,921.38, \$5,811.38, \$8,215.38; Eakes Office Products, supplies; \$74.48; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$124.45; Grocery Kart, table covers, \$62.34; Hire Right Solutions, yearly service, \$250.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Interstate All Battery Center, battery, \$118.95; Island Supply Welding Co., oxygen, \$41.22; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$216.51; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, supplies, \$88.72; Lawson Products, bolts & screws, \$32.65; Monte Clark, gas for chainsaws, \$14.30; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, software fees, \$1,482.00; Northern Safety Co., Inc., gloves, \$207.96; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00; Platte Valley Communications, hard drives for server, \$825.56; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$264.31; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$345.00; Quill Corporation, tables, \$129.98; Register of Deeds, filing fees, \$32.00; S & L Sanitary Service, trash, \$49.30; Safety Kleen Corp., parts washer service, \$186.96; Sara Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$2,247.92; Site One Landscape Supply, xmas lights, \$1,195.53; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,498.03; Steve Scott, misc, \$48.08; Stryker Medical, modems, \$1,446.00; Tim Eggleston, boot allowance, \$107.00; Verizon Wireless, internet,

\$280.07; Viaero Wireless, telephone, \$104.13; Village Uniform, rugs & laundry, \$100.60; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$47,288.00; Total Bills = \$185,591.60.

A group of 7<sup>th</sup> graders from Broken Bow High School presented the idea of caution crosswalk signs south of the Broken Bow High School. The idea will be discussed further.

Discussion was held regarding the zoning administrator position. The position will be advertised and compensation will be discussed.

The possibility of a new safety committee was discussed. Some ideas were presented, and this will be discussed more at later meetings.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to move the second meeting in December to December 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to appoint Chris Myers to the Custer County Communication Advisory Committee. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Sonnichsen, to appoint Monte Clark, License S-1385, Class A, as the Street Superintendent from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve Resolution 2019-31. Said resolution approves the signing of the year-end certification of City Street Superintendent form by the Mayor. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 6:36 pm regarding the Trotter Lot Split at 930 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried. Zoning Administrator Stephanie Wright explained the lot split. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:37 pm regarding the Trotter Lot Split at 930 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-32. Said resolution approves the Trotter Lot Split at 930 South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Berghorst opened the floor for comments from the Councilmembers concerning City Departments. The comment was made that the Square looks nice, and thank you to the police for their help with the parade.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to enter into closed session at 6:38 pm for the purpose of a strategy session regarding collective bargaining, to include the Mayor and City Council, City Attorney Jason White, and City Clerk Stephanie Wright. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 7:02 pm, Council President Sonnichsen challenged the continuation of closed session due to Mayor Berghorst exceeding the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session. Such challenge was not overruled by a majority of the members of the City Council.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Jonathon Berghorst, Mayor

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Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk