

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in the Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on December 6, 2018. 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 Cecil Burt called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Sonnichsen, Neth, Myers, and Holcomb. Absent: None. Mayor Burt announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Neth, to approve the consent agenda for December 11, 2018. Said motion includes approval of Minutes of the November 27, 2018 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Neth, Holcomb, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATCO, liberator 600, \$270.00; Aflac, \$793.78, \$144.14, \$287.88; Arrow Seed, gloves, \$33.98; Axon Enterprise Inc., battery pack, \$73.00; Big State Industrial Supply Inc., supplies, \$269.34; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$1,120.00, membership, \$350.00; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, utilities, \$6,973.01; Broken Bow Postmaster, box fee, \$144.00; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, utilities & gas, \$391.51; Bruning State Bank, motor grader payment, \$36,039.68; Card Services, \$378.09, \$692.61; City Flex Plan, flex, \$130.21, \$100.00; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, insurance, \$3,466.70, \$28,371.18; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$2,003.00, \$6,070.56, \$1,209.52; Custer County Treasurer, interlocal payment, \$11,233.49; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$92.32; David Taylor III, meals, \$11.93, Deb's Embroidery Shop, stocking caps & logos, \$55.00; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$2,096.60, \$6,296.61, \$8,964.96; EMC Insurance, deductible claim, \$2,500.00; Eakes Office Products, copies, \$115.34; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Gateway Motors Inc., oil change, \$51.56; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$311.71; Hire Right Solutions, drug testing, \$295.26; Holcomb Pharmacy, supplies, \$19.14; Holmes Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$133.11; Interstate All Battery Center, batteries & chargers, \$387.60; Island Supply Welding Co., oxygen, \$362.46; Julie Toline, meals, \$13.38; Lawson Products, supplies, \$153.83; Matt Friend, supplies, \$965.93; Michael Todd & Co, signs, \$218.37; Nebraska Concrete Paving Association, dues, \$125.00; Nebraska Environmental Products, supplies, \$430.44; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, software fees, \$1,482.00; Nebraska Salt and Grain, ice slicer, \$678.00; Nebraska State Bank, loader loan payment, \$40,179.18; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$175.00; Overnite Auto, batteries, \$798.31; Powerplan, latch/handle, \$85.41; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$139.58; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; Sara Hulinsky, Nov. cleaning, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$918.74; Shirts, Signs, Mugs & More, caps & plaques, \$493.05; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,745.17; The Garden Center, supplies, \$150.95; Verizon Wireless, internet, \$132.54, Viaero Wireless, telephone, \$117.54; Village Uniform, rugs/laundry, \$94.45; Bi-Weekly Payroll, payroll, \$52,584.91; Total Bills = \$227,627.39.

Plaques were presented to Mayor Cecil Burt and Councilman Neal Neth for their years of service.

The meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 12:05 p.m.

The Oaths of Office were administered to Mayor Jonathon Berghorst, Councilman Rod Sonnichsen, and Councilman Larry Miller by City Attorney Jason White.

Mayor Jon Berghorst called the meeting to order at 12:08 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Sonnichsen, Myers, Holcomb, and Miller. Absent: None.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to elect Rod Sonnichsen as the Council President. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to approve Nebraska State Bank and Bruning State Bank as the designated depositories for the City. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve City Treasurer Nancee Coufal, City Clerk Stephanie Wright, Mayor Jonathon Berghorst, and Council President Rod Sonnichsen as authorized signers for all city accounts held at Bruning State Bank and Nebraska State Bank and also authorizing Police Chief Steven Scott as an authorized signer for accounts ending 384, 999, 095 at Nebraska State Bank, and Utility Clerk Katie Hogg as an authorized signer for accounts ending 831, 631, 173, and 179 at Nebraska State Bank. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve the Volunteer Fire Department Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to appoint Jacob Holcomb as the Mutual Fire Organization Board Representative. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Sonnichsen, to move the Council meeting from Noon on the second and fourth Tuesday to 6:00 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to move the December 25th Council meeting to Thursday, December 20th, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the appointment of Monte Clark as the Street Superintendent from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to postpone the appointment of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. as the City Engineer for 2019 until December 20th, 2018. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to approve the appointment of Stephanie Wright as the Zoning Administrator for a 90 day trial period. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 12:25 p.m. regarding Ordinance 1192, Amended Emergency Snow Route. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 12:31 p.m. regarding Ordinance 1192, Amended Emergency Snow Route. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Sonnichsen introduced Ordinance No. 1192 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA AMENDING SECTION 72.11 SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR PUBLICATION" and amending Ordinance 1192 by removing "(6)" and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Miller seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the motion and instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The Clerk called the roll and the following was the vote: Ayes: Myers, Holcomb, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted by three-fourths of the Council and the statutory rule was declared suspended for consideration of said Ordinance. Said Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Councilmember Sonnichsen moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holcomb. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1192 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted and the Mayor in the presence of the Council signed and approved the Ordinance and the Clerk attested the passage and approval of the same and affixed her signature thereto.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 12:33 p.m. regarding Ordinance 1193, Electric Rates. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 12:42 p.m. regarding Ordinance 1193, Electric Rates. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to not waive the three reading of Ordinance 1193, Electric Rates. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright read the first reading of Ordinance 1193, Electric Rates.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2018-73. Said resolution approves payment #13 to JEO Consulting Group, Inc. in the amount of \$4,107.50 for work completed on the Broken Bow Flood Risk Reduction. Roll vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Berghorst opened the floor for comments from the Mayor and Councilmembers concerning City Departments. Councilman Sonnichsen thanked everyone for the Employee

Appreciation Party. Mayor Berghorst thanked everyone for attending and the support. He also thanked Cecil Burt and Neal Neth for their service.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 12:45 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jonathon Berghorst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk