

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Broken Bow Library. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on January 23, 2020. 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 Rod Sonnichsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Holcomb, Myers, and Miller. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Holcomb seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda for January 28, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and December Treasurer Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$296.75, \$103.78; Automated Printing, Inc., tax forms, \$486.65; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, supplies, \$78.36; Black Hills Energy, utilities, \$1,332.79; Blue360 Media, law manual, \$76.75; Postmaster, stamps, \$244.45; Capital one, supplies, \$300.11; Central Hydraulic Systems, parts, \$1,011.48; Century Link, telephone, \$352.01; City of Broken Bow Flex Benefit, \$116.04; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,397.48; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$1,694.32, \$6,921.86; Colonial Insurance, \$354.69, \$85.07; Custer County Clerk, election, \$1,056.92; Demco, supplies, \$234.85; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,969.82, \$5,837.30, \$8,422.72; Family Heritage, \$56.00; GT Fire & Security, Inc., hydro test, \$69.00; Heather Hulinsky, cleaning, \$225.00; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$656.13; Insurance Aid Services, fees, \$2,062.69; J.P. Cooke Co, dog tags, \$61.50; JEO, flood risk reduction, \$705.75; JM Web Design, email for Rod, \$12.00; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$14,309.22; Kelly Jacobson, election worker, \$10.00; LaQuinta Inns & Suites, winter conference rooms, \$1,049.50; League of NE Municipalities, midwinter conference – Rod, \$377.00; Linda Miller, election worker, \$10.00; Michelle Gibbens, election worker, \$10.00; MPH Industries, radar repairs, \$216.11; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen, argon, \$129.13; Mother Earth News, subscription, \$17.00; Mt. Custer Truck Sales, window, \$40.00; Nebraska Life Magazine, subscription, \$42.00; Nebraska Dept of Revenue, lodging tax, \$855.50, keno taxes, \$1,951.00; OSA/computers Plus, supplies, \$187.16; Obrien's True Value, supplies, \$202.99; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$200.00; Patricia Kay Schall, election worker, \$90.00; Presto X Company, pest service, \$154.93; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; Psychology Today, subscription, \$29.97; Quill Corporation, table, \$45.90; Rolling Stone, subscription, \$139.95; Suzanne Hawke, election worker, \$90.00; Sargent Pipe Co, repairs, \$10.69; Shirts, Signs, Mugs & More, license plates for UTV/ATV, \$383.50; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,593.60; Trotter Service, fuel, \$4,562.99; Trotter's Whoa & Go, fuel, \$110.85; UNO, Clerk School-Steph, \$223.00; USA Blue Book, hydrant marker flags, \$459.91; Verizon Wireless, data & phone, \$143.36; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$48,871.86; Total Bills = \$116,114.39.

Discussion was held regarding the Broken Bow Fire Department fireworks stand. Jeff Pflaster explained that they don't have the manpower to run the stand. The fireworks sales are what fund the fireworks display. They are exploring having another group run the stand.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to nominate Jacob Holcomb as Council President. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Sonnichsen presented the notice of vacancy for the council position in the east ward.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve City Clerk Stephanie Wright, Mayor Rod Sonnichsen, and City Council President Jacob Holcomb as authorized signers for all city accounts held at Bruning State Bank and Nebraska State Bank. 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: Holcomb, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to accept the membership level of Class A Member to the Custer Economic Development Corporation. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers, to approve Resolution 2020-2. Said resolution approves the call for payment of Electric Utility Revenue Bond, 2014 Series. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:20 pm regarding Ordinance 1219, Electric Utility Revenue Refunding Bond. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad Slaughter explained the refunding of the bond and the savings for the City. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to close the public hearing at 6:21 pm regarding Ordinance 1219, Electric Utility Revenue Refunding Bond. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Myers introduced Ordinance No. 1219 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, 2020 SERIES, OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,625,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PLEDGING AND HYPOTHECATING THE REVENUES AND EARNINGS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OWNED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE OFFICERS OF THE CITY TO ESTABLISH THE FINAL TERMS OF THE BONDS WITHIN STATED PARAMETERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM" and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Holcomb 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: Holcomb, Myers, and Miller. 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 Holcomb moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1219 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Myers, and Holcomb. 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.

Council President Sonnichsen opened the floor for comments from the Mayor and Councilmembers concerning City Departments. Jason White asked about the possibility of having one meeting at Noon and one at 6:00 pm. Mayor Sonnichsen informed the public about the community input on the City website. Mayor Sonnichsen thanked the Fire Department for containing the fire that morning. Mayor Sonnichsen thanked Larry Miller for helping with the SCADA system.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:27 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk