

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 26, 2019**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 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 November 21, 2019, and the time change notice was posted in the Municipal Building, County Courthouse, and Post Office. 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 10:00 A.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Sonnichsen, Myers, and Miller. Absent: Holcomb. 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 Miller, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve the consent agenda for November 26, 2019. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2019 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and October Treasurer Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$719.99, \$259.78; Arrow Seed, place pack pail, \$47.99; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, grease, \$14.71; Black Hills Energy, utilities, \$1,000.62; Blue to Gold LLC, training, \$298.00; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Capitol One Bank, hotel, \$94.00; Central Hydraulic Systems, snowplow parts, \$1,958.04; Central I.T., LLC, remove virus/malware, \$113.00; Century Link, telephone, \$143.27; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$116.04; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,797.96; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$1,943.51, \$6,449.82; Colonial Research Chem Corp., total kill, \$1,008.00; Consumer Reports, subscription, \$26.00; Country Woman, subscription, \$12.98; Custer County Treasurer, communications interlocal payment, \$11,801.52; Deb's Embroidery Shop, sweatshirts, \$137.07; Demco, supplies, \$319.55; Dollar General-Regions 410526, supplies, \$52.40; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,931.26, \$5,725.21, \$8,257.74; Eakes Office Products, copies, \$426.14; Evans Feed Co., gloves, \$75.45; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Figgins Construction Co, N Street, \$34,383.76; Gary's Super Foods, supplies, \$92.98; Good Housekeeping, subscription, \$19.97; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$1,205.53; Insurance Aid Services, fees, \$766.42; K. Joan Birnie, reimbursement for materials, \$100.12; Katie Hogg, speaker & microphone for auditorium, \$85.99; Kim Blackburn, mileage, \$184.44; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, paper towels, \$27.28, \$97.82; MacQueen Equipment, filters for sweeper, \$563.79; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., argon/acetylene, \$56.16; Mead Lumber, supplies, \$401.02; Michael Todd & Co, signs, \$2,399.32; Municipal Emergency Services, vests, \$114.32; Northern Safety Co., Inc., safety clothing, \$360.62; OSA/Computers Plus, supplies, \$23.98, \$184.31, \$20.97; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00; Plains Equipment Group, mower parts, \$226.73; Platte Valley Communications, batteries, \$219.78; Police Officers Assn of Nebr, dues, \$105.00; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$370.88, ballast, \$50.57; Presto X Company, monthly service, \$49.00; Prevention, subscription, \$36.00; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,496.39; Stephanie Wright, employee plaques, \$75.59; Steve Scott, postage, \$24.36, \$54.74; Sublime Artistry, website hosting, \$87.00; Tapco, freight, \$176.88; Taste of Home, materials, \$34.98; The New Yorker, subscription, \$149.99; Trotter Service, gasoline, \$2,436.47; Trotter's Whoa & Go, Fuel, \$163.49; Verizon Wireless, telephone, \$143.32; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$47,917.11; Total Bills = \$144,301.46.

Discussion was held regarding the City Treasurer/Accounting Manager position. The Council wants to start advertising and to compensate Nancee Coufal for any time she helps with the transition from her departure.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 10:18 am regarding Ordinance 1216, Amending Section 93.06 Abandonment, Neglect, & Mistreatment. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Councilman Sonnichsen presented some changes for the proposed wording of this ordinance. Captain Dan Hanson stated that he feels that there needs to be something done so that there is a way for enforcement. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 10:36 am regarding Ordinance 1216, Amending Section 93.06 Abandonment, Neglect, & Mistreatment. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to waive the final two readings of Ordinance 1216, Amending Section 93.06 Abandonment, Neglect, & Mistreatment. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to approve Ordinance 1216, Amending Section 93.06 Abandonment, Neglect, & Mistreatment, with the wording of "It shall be unlawful to slaughter any horse, cattle, swine, sheep, or goat, within any area of the city limits unless the slaughter of such mentioned livestock animals is within a licensed facility compliant with all directives of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture". Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve the addition of Colonial Life as a voluntary payroll deduction. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to approve the appointment of Stephanie Wright as the Interim City Treasurer. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers, to approve Resolution 2019-29. Said resolution approves the utility assessment for 1423 South G Street. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-30. Said resolution approves the utility assessment for 1422 South F Street. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Berghorst opened the floor for comments from the Councilmembers concerning City Departments. Councilman Sonnichsen thanked Nancee Coufal for her work for the City.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to enter into closed session at 10:47 am for the purpose of discussing potential litigation, to include the Mayor and City Council, City Attorney Jason White, City Clerk Stephanie Wright, and Water/Sewer Superintendent Darren Marten. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to exit closed session at 11:05 am from the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 11:06 am Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Jonathon Berghorst, Mayor

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Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk