

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

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 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 September 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, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Absent: None. 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 approve the consent agenda for September 10, 2019. Said motion includes approval of Minutes of the Minutes of the August 27, 2019 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$762.44, \$259.78; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, seal, \$14.91; Bob's Truck Repair, repairs, \$407.56; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$810.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, fuel, \$3,872.66; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, utilities, \$7,246.62; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, utilities, \$954.25; Capitol One Bank, misc, \$929.18; Card Services, supplies & fuel, \$607.19, \$168.60; Century Link, telephone, \$650.71; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$116.04; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$28,963.56, \$3,852.89; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$2,139.57, \$6,304.14, \$2,012.58; Computers Plus, pens, \$615.00; Custer County Chief, publication, \$478.71; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$48.03; Dave Dunkel, boot allowance, \$72.75; Deere Credit Inc., mower lease, \$216.51; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,981.70, \$5,795.36, \$8,473.30; Eakes Office Products, supplies, \$99.97; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$70.95; Grocery Kart, supplies, \$117.71; Holcomb Mechanical LLC, repairs, \$1,166.76; Holcomb Pharmacy, EMS supplies, \$12.87; Insurance Aid Services, fees, \$793.34; Interstate All Battery Center, batteries, \$19.60; Jean Pomplun, refund ambulance, \$184.60; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, paper towels, \$27.28; League of NE Municipalities, dues, \$8,107.00; Mead Lumber, supplies, \$27.45; Medicare Part B, refunds, \$337.63, \$675.26; Michael Todd & Co, sigh posts, \$1,464.88; Nebraska Dept of Environmental Quality, CD Cell fee, \$750.00; Nebraska Mun Clerks Association, dues, \$35.00; OSA/Computers Plus, notary stamp, \$26.10; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00; Paula Daily, step stool, \$9.14; Plains Equipment Group, mower repairs, \$8,292.73; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$53.94; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$350.00; Randy Schweitzer, boot allowance, \$100.00; Reams Sprinkler Supply, sprinkler supplies, \$577.76; S & L Sanitary Service, trash, \$79.30; Sandra Manning, patches on shirts, \$30.00; Sara Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Sargent Pipe Co, supplies, \$913.73; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$3,937.51; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,543.13; Steve Scott, supplies, \$41.04; T & S Signs, lettering on Handibus, \$337.00; Tapco, LED blinker, \$3,410.50; Timothy Eggleston, CDL, \$60.98; V-Bar Sales & Service, supplies, \$784.85; Verizon Wireless, telephone, \$280.07; Viaero Wireless, telephone, \$103.95; Village Uniform, rugs, \$100.60; WL Construction Supply Inc., saw blade, \$419.99; Wenquist Inc., batteries, \$332.96, hoses, \$61.69; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$49,285.78; Total Bills = \$165,175.09.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb to open a public hearing at 6:02 pm regarding Ordinance 1209, 2019-2020 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:03 pm regarding Ordinance 1209, 2019-2020 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Miller introduced Ordinance No. 1209 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND MONTHLY SALARY OR HOURLY WAGE RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION" 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: Myers, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. 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. 1209 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. 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 Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:04 pm regarding Ordinance 1210, 2019-2020 Annual Appropriation Bill. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Treasurer Nancee Coufal explained the appropriation bill. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:08 pm regarding Ordinance 1210, 2019-2020 Annual Appropriation Bill. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holcomb introduced Ordinance No. 1210 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" 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, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. 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 Miller moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Sonnichsen. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1210 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. 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 Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-19. Said resolution approves the additional 1% increase to the Restricted Funds. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:10 pm regarding setting the final tax request for 2019-2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Nancee Coufal explained the City of Broken Bow Tax Request. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to close the public hearing at 6:12 pm regarding setting the final tax request for 2019-2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-20. Said resolution sets the property tax for 2019-2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:13 pm regarding Resolution 2019-21, 1 & 6 Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Street Superintendent Monte Clark explained that the filing process for the 1 & 6 year plans changed this year. He explained the 1 & 6 year plan. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 6:19 pm regarding Resolution 2019-21, 1 & 6 Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve Resolution 2019-21. Said resolution approves the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the One and Six Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-22. Said resolution approves payment to JEO Consulting Group in the amount of \$498.00 for work completed on the Broken Bow Flood Risk Reduction through August 23, 2019. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to approve the use of KENO Funds for the postage from the Park Board mailing for the flyer about the bathroom in the square forum in the amount of \$751.50. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to approve blocking off two parking spaces in front of the Municipal Building on October 7, 2019 for the Rummage Sale. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to approve the request to put the all-inclusive playground equipment at Melham Park instead of Indian Hills and move the equipment from Melham Park to Indian Hills. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 6:25 pm regarding Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:26 pm regarding Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright read the final reading of Ordinance 1206, Water Rates.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Myers, Holcomb, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:27 pm regarding Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:28 pm regarding Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright read the final reading of Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Berghorst opened the floor for comments from the Councilmembers concerning City Departments. Councilmember Myers asked if anyone had talked to Great Western about the small building on their property for the restroom. Park Board Chairman Paul Holland said he would talk to someone at Great Western about the building. He also gave an update on the forum about the restroom in the square. City Clerk Stephanie Wright reminded everyone that City Wide Clean-Up is this Saturday. She also informed everyone that the next forum for the restroom will be at the library, instead of the Municipal Building, and that the new Handibus is here and is being used.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb to enter into closed session at 6:34 pm for the purpose of a strategy session regarding collective bargaining, to include the Mayor and City Council, City Attorney Jason White, City Clerk Stephanie Wright, and City Treasurer Nancee Coufal. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to exit closed session at 8:09 pm from the purpose of a strategy session regarding collective bargaining. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Jonathon Berghorst, Mayor

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Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk