

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 24, 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 19, 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 24, 2019. Said motion includes approval of Minutes of the Minutes of the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and August Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ATCO, supplies, \$648.25; Aflac, \$762.44, \$259.78, \$287.86; Arrow Seed, grass, \$14.10; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, supplies, \$10.58; Birds & Blooms, subscription, \$12.98; Bloomberg Businessweek, subscription, \$90.00, Bound Tree Medical, supplies, \$359.96, \$539.80; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.37; Broken Bow Public Schools, liquor & tobacco licenses, \$3,835.00; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, insurance, \$1,415.00, utilities, \$288.46; Carquest of Broken Bow, supplies, \$85.56; Carrot Top Industries, flags, \$363.70; Central Nebraska Sod Supply, elm tree, \$1,500.00; Century Link, telephone, \$85.49; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$116.04, \$150.00; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,852.89; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$2,139.57, \$6,667.84; Cole Electric Company, camper pedestals, \$565.52; Computers Plus, medical gloves, \$139.80; Culligan Water Conditioning, salt, \$18.00; Custer County Chief, warning ticket books, \$253.94; Custer County Treasurer, communications interlocal payment, \$11,233.49; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, hydrant wrenches, \$217.00; Display Sales, flags, \$1,773.00; Dollar General-Regions 410526, supplies, \$54.25; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$2,117.92, \$5,840.64, \$9,055.86; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, tire repairs, \$69.45; Gary's Super Foods, supplies, \$14.62; Gateway Motors Inc, oil change & tire rotation, \$110.02; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$16.29; Heiman Fire Equipment, supplies, \$4,409.45; Holcomb Pharmacy, EMS supplies, \$33.05; Holmes Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$1,306.15; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$1,267.74; Insurance Aid Services, fees, \$1,634.82; K. Joan Birnie, materials, \$402.70; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, paper towels, \$27.28; Lawson Products, supplies, \$37.41; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, argon, \$156.19; Mead Lumber, picnic shelter, \$11,494.28; Midland Telecom, radios, \$1,825.00; Municipal Supply Inc., hydrants, \$5,913.66; Nebraska Dept of Revenue, waste reduction & recycling fee, \$25.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, \$140.00; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, safety manuals, \$160.50; Nebraska State Bank, fire station payment, \$97,557.77; OCLC Inc., subscription, \$138.78; OSA/Computers Plus, supplies, \$28.99; Obrien's True Value, supplies, \$250.56; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00; Paulsen Inc., picnic shelter concrete, \$8,457.50; Plains Equipment Group, mower repairs, \$4,493.68; Platte Valley Communications, computer,

\$768.76, pagers, \$4,171.70; Prachts Ace Hardware, insect killer, \$9.99, supplies, \$99.65; Prime Plumbing, repairs, \$97.25; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; RR Donnelley, Nebraska citations, \$68.96; Sargent Pipe Co, flag pole bushing, \$37.50; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,551.97; Sterling West, yellow poly-cap, \$2,629.00, picnic tables, \$3,354.00; Taste of Home, books, \$69.96; The Garden Center, trees, \$1,400.00; Titan Machinery-North Platte, supplies, \$245.81; Trotter Service, fuel, \$318.10, repairs, \$963.81; Trotter's Whoa & Go, fuel, \$213.65; Verizon Wireless, telephone, \$143.47; Woods & Aitken LLP, legal fees, \$59.00; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$53,388.74; Total Bills = \$267,140.48.

Forming a City Safety Committee was discussed. Councilman Sonnichsen is concerned over the increase in the worker's compensation premium due to the accidents. There is a safety committee in place with the union right now, but he is interested in setting up another committee that can set guidelines and enforce those guidelines. Discussion was held. Procedures, policies, and setting up a separate committee will be looked into.

The Park Foreman position was discussed. Councilman Holcomb expressed his concern with not knowing about advertising for this position. He is also unsure of the need for a foreman or if a general worker would be more beneficial. The position opening will be presented to the Park Board for a recommendation.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to approve the 5K route for a run/walk event on October 12, 2019. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to allow alcohol in the Broken Bow Library for a One Box Party on November 1, 2019, provided that an SDL is obtained. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve the request of the waiver of PILOT funds from the Broken Bow Housing Authority in the amount of \$24,445.01. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve to approve the interlocal agreement with the Broken Bow Township for shared services. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2019-24. Said resolution approves the use of KENO funds for materials purchased for the Melham picnic shelter in the amount of \$24,705.78. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Berghorst opened the floor for comments from the Councilmembers concerning City Departments. There were no comments.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb to enter into closed session at 7:08 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 Myers, seconded by Miller, to exit closed session at 8:02 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 Miller, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 8:03 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