

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 via teleconference. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on May 7, 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 6:03 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the open meetings law.

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

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda for May 12, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 28, 2020 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, mower repair, \$220.62; Alliance Times-Herald, help wanted ad, \$104.00; Aflac, \$316.05, \$104.22, \$127.59; Bon Tool Co., linestrechers, \$42.23; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$905.00; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$8,315.62; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, utilities, \$865.35; Capital One, supplies, \$969.72; Carquest of Broken Bow, supplies, \$33.34; Central I.T., LLC, computer for administrator office, \$850.00; Century Link, telephone, \$601.22; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$6,878.32, \$1,401.16; Colonial Insurance, \$381.91, \$135.10; Custer County Chief, publication, \$777.76; Custer County Treasurer, interlocal payment, \$11,801.52; Custer Electric and Irrigation, pliers, \$41.74; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$85.49; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,960.88, \$5,935.53, \$8,384.14; Eakes Office Products, supplies, \$462.41; Farritor Auto Parts, axle shaft, \$100.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, tire repair 404 Unit, \$25.90; Grainger, parts, \$200.62; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$70.95; Grocery Kart, batteries, \$21.32; HD Arms, LLC, ammunition, meth test kits, \$603.00; Holmes Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$926.37; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Island Supply Welding Co., oxygen, \$58.02; JM Web Design, website & email hosting, \$722.20; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$216.51; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, trash liners, \$88.72; Mead Lumber, poly coveralls-Covid-19, \$13.47; Med Tech Resource, gloves, shields-Covid-19, \$621.76; NMC Exchange, LLC, repairs, \$1,172.70; Nebraska State Treasurer, dog tags, \$94.09; Obrien's True Value, supplies, \$156.55; Paulsen Inc., mud rock, concrete, \$3,608.26; Pavement Repair & Supplies, perma-patch, \$2,150.00; Platte Valley Communications, pager batteries, fix computer, \$197.40; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$1,051.18, Pristine Cleaning, LLC, \$290.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, \$170.02; Rod's Body & Paint, Inc., repairs, \$477.14; Ron Ripp Construction, overhead door repairs, picnic shelter Melham, center block table, \$3,305.00; S & L Sanitary Service, trash, \$49.30; Sara J. Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Site One Landscape Supply, supplies, \$28.67; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,594.84; Stephanie Wright, IIMC dues, \$170.00; Van Diest Supply Co., Mosquito Mist & Altosid(larvicide), \$3,942.40; Verizon Wireless, internet, \$280.07; Viaero Wireless, telephone, \$102.42; Village Uniform, rugs, \$100.60; Wenquist Inc., supplies, \$470.02; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$50,302.31; Total Bills = \$128,517.24.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 6:06 pm regarding the house located at 631 South 9th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Mayor explained that this property was deemed unsafe in October 2018. The Council gave a seven month extension for the remodel. On August 27, 2019, Council granted a two month extension. On October 23, 2019 the Council gave a six month extension on the remodel with the stipulation that this property would be 100% finished. This is the fourth time in front of Council, and there has been no progress since that date. Chief of Police Steve Scott stressed his concerns with the condition of this property causing disease and that kids have been hiding out in this property. Councilman Miller stated this property is not safe at all and is disappointed in the lack of progress. Moved by Holcomb and seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 6:19 pm regarding the house located at 631 South 9th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller and seconded by Schmidt to postpone further action on the house located at 631 South 9th Avenue until the May 26, 2020 Council Meeting so the landowner can be notified and he can have the opportunity to respond. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to deny placing a temporary bathroom in the Square. Holcomb stated it would be better to work on a permanent structure than to change the landscape of the square. Miller agreed with Holcomb and stated it would be best to spend the money on a permanent bathroom. Myers also felt that the time and money on a temporary bathroom would be better put towards a permanent structure. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: Schmidt. Motioned carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by, Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:32 pm regarding damages from the Alley Vacation at 1000 South 3rd Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. No damages were filed with the City Clerk. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to close the public hearing at 6:35 pm regarding damages from the Alley Vacation at 1000 South 3rd Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No action was needed due to no damages from the Alley Vacation at 1000 South 3rd Avenue.

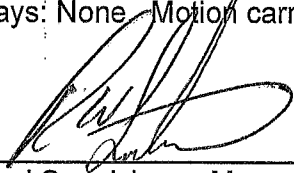
Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the appointment of Duane Taylor to the Planning Commission for a term ending February 2023. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the Handibus Standard Operating Procedures for Drug & Alcohol Testing. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:40 pm regarding Ordinance 1224, Amend Fireworks Application Fee. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on views both for and against the fee increase. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm regarding Ordinance 1224, Amend Fireworks Application Fee. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

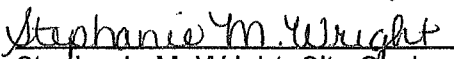
After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holcomb introduced Ordinance No. 1224 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA" and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Schmidt seconded the 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: Schmidt, Myers, Holcomb, 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 with the amendment of the liability insurance as two million dollars, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Myers. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1224 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk

