

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 20, 2019**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Friday, December 20, 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 December 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 December 20, 2019. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$631.26, \$213.44; Barco, tire chains, \$3,666.50; Capital One Bank, website, sweatshirts, boots, \$406.37; Carquest of Broken Bow, fuel treatment, \$23.94; Century Link, telephone, \$85.49; City of Broken Bow Flex Benefit, \$116.04; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,396.75; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$1,934.51, \$6,965.42, \$1,366.60; Dollar General-Regions 410526, supplies, \$74.30; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,956.08, \$6,038.04, \$8,363.82; Eakes Office Products, supplies, \$63.96; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Fyr-Tek, compressor service, \$644.41; Gary's Super Foods, trash bags, \$9.98; Gateway Motors, clips, \$21.78; Holcomb Mechanical LLC, furnace repair, \$141.80; Holcomb Pharmacy, EMS supplies, \$55.94; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$1,205.26; International Institute Municipal Clerks, membership dues, \$170.00; Justice Data Solutions, Inc., annual fee, \$1,825.00; Kearney Hub, subscription, \$340.95; MacQueen Equipment, street sweeper items, \$563.79; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., argon & co2, \$54.80; Mead Lumber, bolts, \$10.78; Myers Construction Co, snow removal, \$2,755.00; Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment, Inc, fire alarm system inspection, \$135.00; OCLC Inc., quarterly subscription, \$138.78; OSA/Computers Plus. Supplies, \$83.98, business cards, \$60.43; Obrien's True Value, supplies, \$43.72; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00; Paulsen Inc., concrete, \$2,278.50; Plains Equipment Group, bolts & nuts, \$32.80; Popular Mechanics, subscription, \$23.97; Power Solutions, \$505.79; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$78.44; Presto X Company, monthly service, \$49.00; Prime Plumbing, toilet repair, \$110.00; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; Ranchland Ford, oil change explorer, \$53.77; Register of Deeds, filing fees, \$22.00, copies, \$8.50; Sandry Fire Supply LLC, boots, \$626.20; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,605.49; Steve Scott, postage, \$26.04; The Grand Island Independent, subscription, \$208.00; The North Platte Telegraph, subscription, \$291.20; Titan Machinery-North Platte, washers & springs, \$5.89; Trotter Service, gasoline, \$2,493.82; Trotter's Whoa & Go, fuel, \$101.26; Verizon Wireless, internet, \$143.49; Wenquist Inc., supplies, \$295.85; Woods & Aitken LLP, legal fees \$118.00; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$48,041.94; Total Bills = \$102,264.87.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to appoint Nikki Altig to the Park Board for a term ending February 2022. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Sonnichsen, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to allow the use of fireworks in the Square at midnight on January 1, 2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to appoint Dr. Katie Thompson as the Physician Medical Director for the EMS. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Miller, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:04 pm regarding Ordinance 1218, Amending Tobacco Codes. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Police Chief Steve Scott explained that a new bill for ages and products concerning tobacco will go into effect January 1, 2020. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 6:06 pm regarding Ordinance 1218, Amending Tobacco Codes. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holcomb introduced Ordinance No. 1218 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 133.20: USE OF TOBACCO BY MINORS, SECTION 133.21 SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINORS & SECTION 133.22: MISREPRESENTATION BY MINOR TO OBTAIN TOBACCO; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND TO PROVIDE A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT" 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: Miller, Myers, Sonnichsen, 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 Sonnichsen moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holcomb. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1218 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Myers, Sonnichsen, 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.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve Resolution 2019-34. Said resolution deems three old computers as surplus and donates them to the Custer County Emergency Management. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Collective bargaining negotiations were discussed.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:49 p.m.  
Roll call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Myers, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion  
carried.

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Jonathon Berghorst, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk

