

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2019**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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 August 8, 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 Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda for August 13, 2019. Said motion includes approval of Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Council Meeting, Minutes of the July 23, 2019 Budget Workshop, Minutes of July 31, 2019 Special Meeting, Bills to Date, and Broken Bow Ambulance Service Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$762.44, \$259.78, \$287.86, \$762.44, \$259.78; Arrow Seed, turfmix, \$12.00; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, supplies, \$81.74; Black Hills Energy, utilities, \$194.71; Bow Locksmith, lock repairs, \$77.95; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Ambulance Service, ambulance incentive, \$1,245.00; Broken Bow Fire Department, state fire school training, \$805.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, fuel, \$4,395.87; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$8,404.80; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, misc., \$750.88; Capital one Bank, supplies, \$3,419.33; Card Services, headphones & vending machine food, \$387.25; Carquest of Broken Bow, supplies, \$158.22; Century Link, telephone, \$1,061.94; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$116.04, \$150.00, \$116.04; City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance, \$3,852.89, \$28,165.44, \$3,852.89; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, pension, \$2,139.57, \$5,840.12, \$1,343.76, \$2,139.57, \$5,982.46; Credit Management Services, collection fee, \$227.13; Custer County Chief, publication, \$325.78; Custer County Treasurer, communications interlocal agreement, \$11,233.49; Custer Public Power, CD Cell power, \$51.56; Deere Credit Inc., mower lease, \$216.51; Deterding, chemicals, \$6.29; Dollar General-Regions 410526, supplies, \$14.95; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$2,280.00, \$6,135.67, \$9,748.88, \$11.54, \$25.15, \$49.32, \$2,281.24, \$6,365.93, \$9,754.04; Eakes Office Products, supplies & copies, \$765.54; Family Heritage, \$56.00, \$56.00; Fyr-Tek, pumper wiring repairs, \$1,568.75; Gary's Super Foods, supplies, \$79.20; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$70.95; Grocery Kart, supplies, \$815.06; Hire Right Solutions, drug testing, \$68.50; Holcomb Pharmacy, glucose, \$14.19, \$14.07; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Interstate All Battery Center, radio batteries, \$79.20; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, supplies, \$143.28; League of NE Municipalities, annual conference, \$325.00; Mead Lumber, hardware, \$10.98; Nebraska Department of Revenue, Keno Taxes, \$2,663.00; OSA/Computers Plus, supplies, \$92.62; Obrien's True Value, supplies, \$23.15; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$150.00, \$150.00; Plains Equipment Group, parts & repair, \$705.36; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$548.68; Presto X Company, monthly service, \$105.93; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning, \$375.00; Reams Sprinkler Supply, sprinkler supplies, \$1,727.44; S&L Sanitary Service, trash, \$79.30; Sara J. Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$3,267.58; School House Graphic Products, \$450.00; Site One Landscape Supply, sprinkler supplies, \$1,475.78; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, payroll, \$2,656.83, \$8.20, \$2,750.87; Stephanie Wright, mileage for SCORP meeting,

\$205.32; Sterling West, border timbers, \$2,040.00; Stryker Medical, cot batteries, \$768.24; Titan Machinery-North Platte, toolcat, \$5,000.00; United State Treasury, self-insured PCORI fee, \$205.54; Verizon Wireless, telephone, \$143.47, \$280.07; Viaero Wireless, telephone, \$103.95; Village Uniform, rugs, \$164.89; Wenquist Inc., supplies, \$661.88; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$58,910.31, \$58,225.65; Total Bills = \$276,193.54.

Mark Rempe, County Emergency Manager, explained that the 911 addressing system hasn't been updated for several years. He explained that the City needs to put this information in the system so that it is updated for the telephone companies. The City will work with Mark to get this resolved.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright informed everyone that the City Wide Clean Up will be September 14, 2019. Councilman Sonnichsen informed everyone that there will be a hazardous waste morning at the Transfer Station the morning of September 14, 2019.

Darren Marten presented an update on the restroom in the square and informed the Council that the Park Board would like to have public input about the restroom. They would like to have a couple meetings for the public to come give their input. Darren asked about engineering the restroom. State statutes doesn't require it, but it is recommended by the city engineers. The council would like to hear the public input before they decide on engineering. The Park Board will set up some meeting dates for public input.

Discussion was held about the zoning administrator position. The Council discussed hiring someone part-time. They will check with other communities to see how they handle this position. Julie Toline stepped forward and said that she might be interested in the position.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Sonnichsen, to approve the appointment of Pat Powers to the Park Board for a term ending February 2020. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Broken Bow Airport Authority for the 2019-2020 Budget Year. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the reappointment of Rick Maas to the Housing Authority for a term ending August 2024. 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 6:43 pm regarding the condemnation and demolition of the property located at 631 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Property owner Justin Russell stated that he would like an extension for his property. The weather has not cooperated. He has decided not to tear down the house and to possibly remodel the house. He feels that he could have quotes for remodeling in 60 days. Police Chief Steve Scott stated that the fire was in 2012, and there have been nuisance problems since 2003. Chief Scott has had calls from realtors and people interested in the house to the south of this house. People who like the house have backed off purchasing the house because of this house, which is directly north of the house that is for sale. City Attorney Jason White stated that the property is unsafe, and that is what needs to be addressed. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Sonnichsen, to close the public hearing at 6:56 pm regarding the condemnation and demolition of the property located at 631 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to postpone the condemnation and demolition of the property located at 631 South 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue until the August 27, 2019 meeting. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, and Sonnichsen. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 6:58 pm regarding the Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Water Superintendent Darren Marten presented the rate changes. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm regarding Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to not waive the three readings of Ordinance 1206, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Sonnichsen, Holcomb, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 7:01 pm regarding the Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Sewer Superintendent Darren Marten presented the rate changes. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 7:02 pm regarding Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to not waive the three readings of Ordinance 1207, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Sonnichsen, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb to open a public hearing at 7:03 pm regarding the Ordinance 1208, Amending Section 33.09: Public Participation. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Sonnichsen, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. Mayor Berghorst feels this ordinance is too strict. Councilman Holcomb stated that he wants participation as long as it is respectful. Councilman Sonnichsen stated that this is to control the meeting and having people come to the podium helps. City Clerk Stephanie Wright stated that she feels there needs to be a time limit because otherwise you have no way to stop someone from talking for as long as they please. City Treasurer Nancee Coufal agreed with having a time limit. Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to close the public hearing at 7:11 pm regarding Ordinance 1208, Amending Section 33.09: Public Participation. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Sonnichsen, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Holcomb, to postpone any action on Ordinance 1208, Amending Section 33.09: Public Participation until the August 27, 2019 meeting. 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 Sonnichsen stated that he is pleased to see students on the EMT Roster. Councilman Myers commended an employee in the Water/Sewer Department for helping a visually impaired person avoid a hole where they were working.

Moved by Sonnichsen, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:13 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