

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 in the Broken Bow Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on July 9, 2020. Availability of the agenda and related materials was communicated in 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 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. Absent: Myers. 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 Schmidt, to approve the consent agenda for July 14, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the June 23, 2020 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, parts, \$3.06; Absolute Plumbing, repairs to offices & restrooms; \$1,148.55; Aflac, \$885.28; American Red Cross, training, \$506.00; Awards & More, name plates and holders, \$26.50; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, supplies, \$12.91; Black Hills Energy, Utilities-Gas, \$225.22; Blue Tarp Financial, annual fee, \$39.99; Bound Tree Medical, CPR pads, thermometer, and splints, \$311.40; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$1,865.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, Fairgrounds Lift Station Payment, \$30,570.75; Fuel, \$2,533.59; Camper Hook-Ups, \$425.00; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, Utilities, \$7,884.75; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, gas and internet, \$61.59; Card Services, webinars, gas, and supplies, \$2,383.53; Century Link, basic and long distance, \$1,090.41; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$332.08; City Of Broken Bow-Health Insurance, \$3,219.00; \$30,150.17; \$3,219.00; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$16,863.08; Colonial Insurance, \$1,203.65; Custer County Chief, publications and Help Wanted – Street Superintendent, \$564.70; Custer County Treasurer, Communications Interlocal Payment, \$11,801.52; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$45.98; Custer County Transfer Station, trash dumping \$15.60; Danko Emergency Equipment Co, work pants, collars, pike pole, and extinguisher, \$437.63; Darren Marten, reimbursement, \$46.84; Deterdings, Acid Magic, \$1,102.50; EFTPS Online Payment, \$35,281.02; Eakes Office Products, copies and supplies, \$952.52; Family Heritage, \$112.00; Fyr-Tek, repairs to city pumper, \$118.75; Garrett Tires & Treads, tire repair on mower, \$14.25; Grocery Kart, water & powerade, \$161.48; Holmes Plumbing & Heating, supplies, \$490.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Island Supply Welding Co., Oxygen, \$58.02; JM Web Design, email hosting for D.Knoell, \$26.40; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$216.51; Kearney Hub, Help Wanted-Street Superintendent, \$771.23; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, toilet paper and paper towels, \$77.42; Lawson Products, supplies, \$266.53; Lincoln Journal Star, Help Wanted-Street Superintendent, \$747.25; Mead Lumber, supplies, \$1,190.08; Melham Medical Center, physical 406; \$117.85; Mid-American Research Chemical, grease, \$425.00; Municipal Emergency Services, name badge for 406 vest, \$22.24; Nebraska Department of Transportation, \$4,358.40; Obriens's True Value, supplies, \$188.84; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$350.00; Paulsen Inc., Limestone, \$3,571.88; Platte Valley Communications, radio repair, \$58.29; Pracht's Ace Hardware, supplies, \$1,164.03; Prime Plumbing, toilet repairs, \$80.50; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning service, \$290.00; Sara J. Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$3,514.58; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,517.60; \$2,649.77; The Grand Island Independent, Help Wanted Street Superintendent, \$349.50;

Trotter Tire Service, AC repair 404 unit, \$104.95; Verizon Wireless, phones and hot spots, \$623.07; Viaero, telephone, \$2.67; Watch Guard, camera repair 407, \$146.59; Wenquist Inc., supplies, \$447.42; Western Nebraska Newspapers, Help Wanted-Street Superintendent, \$497.50; 6/24/2020 Bi-weekly Payroll, \$58,710.01; 7/08/2020 Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$57,490.06; Total Bills = \$299,574.65.

Councilman Myers arrived at 6:10 P.M.

Discussion was held with Shelly Amsberry, Veronica Schmidt, TJ Williams, and Dr. James Smith about the possibility of a partnership with the City, Priority Health, and Melham Medical Center.

Discussion was held on the South 19th Avenue Assessments.

Discussion was held on the Memorial Drive Street Paving Project.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 7:04 pm regarding the house located at 631 South 9th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried. This is the consideration of declaring the house located at 631 South 9th Avenue unsafe and authorizing the demolition of the house. The property owner purchased a demolition permit on July 14, 2020 that states he must start demolition within 60 days of issuance and the demolition must be completed within 120 days. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 7:09 pm regarding the house at 631 South 9th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller to approve to declare the property located at 631 South 9th Avenue as unsafe and authorize the demolition by the City if the owner does not meet the conditions of the demolition permit. Conditions are if the property owner has not started the demolition within 61 days the City will begin the demolition; likewise if the demolition is not completed by 121 days, the City will complete the demolition. The property owner will be assessed the demolition costs if the City completes the demolition. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve ratifying all actions taken by the Broken Bow City Council during meetings held by teleconference on March 24, 2020, April 10, 2020, April 14, 2020, April 28, 2020, May 12, 2020, May 26, 2020, and May 29, 2020. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the appointment of Steve Parr from JEO Consulting Group as the Street Superintendent for the year ending December 31, 2020. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the reappointment of Butch Brunken to the Community Redevelopment Authority Board for a term ending February 2025. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the License and Management Agreement for use of Municipal Property for Non-Sports Venues and Facilities for the Municipal Auditorium. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve the easement at 244 South 9th Avenue for Opportunity Land Investments LLC. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller to enter Closed Session at 7:17 pm to protect the public interest with a strategy session for litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim to the public body, to include the Mayor and Council, City Attorney Jason White, City Administrator Dan Knoell, City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Wright, and Deputy City Clerk Kandi Peters. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to exit closed session at 7:51 pm from the purpose of protecting the public interest with a strategy session for litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim to the public body. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:52 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