

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via teleconference. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on May 21, 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 6:02 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 26, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, April Treasurer Report, KaBoomers Fireworks Application, and Broken Bow Ambulance Service Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, maintenance and repair, \$345.57; Aflac, \$316.05, \$104.22; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, supplies, \$68.55; Black Hills Energy, utilities, gas, \$428.25; Broken Bow Ambulance Service, Spring Conference, \$2,527.50; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, fuel, \$629.64; Carquest of Broken Bow, supplies, \$35.90; Century Link, basic & long distance radio, \$85.49; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$166.04; City of Broken Bow Health Insurance, \$3,793.11; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$6,906.30, \$1,519.85; Collaborative Summer Library Program, materials, \$194.80; Colonial Insurance, \$381.91, \$135.10, \$293.13; Custer County Chief, publication, \$39.00; Deb's Embroidery Shop, logos on caps, \$32.50; Demco, supplies, \$91.21; Dollar General, supplies, \$87.75; EFTPS Online Payment, payroll, \$1,913.64, \$5,538.82, \$8,182.40; Eakes Office Products, photocopies contract, \$122.53; Family Heritage, \$56.00; GALLS, LLC, boots, \$138.99; Gary's Super Foods, water and freezer bags, \$27.39; Gateway Motors Inc., oil change, \$61.29; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$2,523.24; K. Joan Birnie, reimbursement for materials, \$62.72; Kearney Hub, help wanted City Administrator, \$727.88; Lincoln Journal Star, help wanted City Administrator, \$854.75; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., Argon, Oxygen, \$101.60; Mead Lumber, knee pads, storm door, lumber, grout, \$549.17; NMC Exchange, LLC, bucket cylinder repairs, \$1,226.34; OCLC Inc, quarterly fee, \$138.78; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$175.00; Paulsen Inc., road gravel, \$1,638.04; Prachts Ace Hardware, key and bolts, \$4.58; Presto X Company, monthly service, \$51.00; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, \$290.00; Quill Corporation, batteries, \$27.99; Ranchland Ford, repairs to expedition fuel pump, \$814.56; Safety Kleen Corp., parts washer service, solvent, \$186.96; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$4,272.91; Site One Landscape Supply, herbicide, sprinkler supplies, \$1,135.08; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,413.83; Sublime Artistry, website design, \$3,740.00; The Grand Island Independent, help wanted City Administrator, \$527.75; The North Platte Telegraph, help wanted City Administrator, \$435.00; Titan Machinery-North Platte, auger bit, \$376.15; Trotter Service, gasoline and tire repair, \$1,695.39; Van Diest Supply Co., chemicals, \$936.20; Verizon Wireless, hot spots, data, telephone, \$143.30; Wade Kleeb, boot allowance, \$226.73; Woods & Aitken, LLP, legal fees, \$90.00; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$47,837.19, \$45,974.69; Total Bills = \$153,399.80.

Discussion regarding Priority Health will be held at the June 23, 2020 meeting.

Discussion was held regarding opening of the public swimming pool. The Mayor stated it would be mid-June before they would be able to open. Parks Superintendent Darren Marten and Pool Manager Laurie French have been doing maintenance, filling the pool, and training lifeguards. Mayor Sonnichsen will make a decision about opening the pool this week.

Discussion was held regarding the Governor's extension for Council Meetings. The majority of the Councilmen agreed with having in-person meetings while adhering to the health measures. The meetings will be held in the Municipal Auditorium. It was suggested that more microphones would help everyone to hear during the meetings. A decision on location will be made by June 5, 2020.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:32 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 reviewed the timeline of the property. This was the fifth time in front of the Council, and there has been no progress made to the exterior of the property. Chief of Police Steve Scott stated the fire on this property was in May 2012, and papers were served in 2018. Scott stated that this creates an unsafe environment and depreciates the value of the surrounding properties. Property owner, Justin Russell, commented that he has completed stuff on the interior and is now in a position to move forward on the exterior. Jason White, City Attorney, stated the exterior of the house is in code violation. Moved by Holcomb and seconded by Myers, to close the public hearing at 6:44 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, for a 90-day extension and the house would need to be completely done. Miller amended his motion to a 45-day extension for the house located at 631 South 9th to be brought up to code so it is not unsafe and doesn't depreciate the neighbor's value. Schmidt seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers, to approve the use of the Downtown Square every Thursday until 3:30 pm between June 4, 2020 and September 17, 2020; blocking off parking stalls on the East and Northeast side of the Square for the 2020 Market on the Square. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motioned carried.

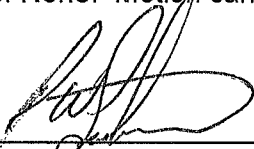
Per Advice from the League of Nebraska Municipalities no action was taken on the following: Resolution 2020-3 Use of Municipal Property for Youth Baseball and Softball and COVID-19 License and Management Agreement, for Use of Municipal Property for Youth Baseball and Softball.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller to enter closed session at 7:06 pm for the purpose of discussing potential litigation to include City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Wright and City Attorney Jason White. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to exit closed session at 7:17 pm from the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Schmidt, and Holcomb, Nays: None. Motion carried.

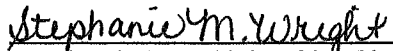
Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller to approve Resolution 2020-4. Said Resolution authorizes the support of repurposing the Custer Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program to the CDBG Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:19 p.m. Roll call vote:
Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rod Sornrichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk

