

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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 October 08, 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 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Jacob Holcomb, Chris Myers, David Schmidt, and Larry Miller. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the consent agenda for October 13, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 2020 Council Meeting, Minutes of the September 30, 2020 Special Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, parts, \$37.88; Arrow Seed, Melham new addition, \$182.50; Barco, corner bolts, \$80.95; Beaver Bearing Co. Albion, supplies, 49.42; Bound Tree Medical, EMS supplies, \$201.89; Bow Locksmith, keys and service call, \$162.00; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$1,660.00; Broken Bow Mun. Utilities, fuel, \$3,506.24; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, utilities & trash removal, \$8,216.92; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, ½ concrete repair, \$3,400.00; Card Services, \$692.25; Carquest of Broken Bow, switches & flag connectors, \$26.65; Central Ne Economic Dev District, annual membership, \$5,338.50; Central Ne Medical Clinic, drug testing, \$55.00; Century Link, basic and long distance, \$692.95; Chris Henderson, PT clothes, \$96.75; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, liability-BBHA, \$1,398.44; Consolidated Management Co., 404 & 406 meals @ NLETC, \$400.90; Custer County Chief, publication, \$461.19; Custer County Treasurer, communications interlocal payment, \$12,120.58; Eakes Office Products, supplies & copies, \$286.52; Frontier Family Pharmacy, aspirin, \$8.58; Fyr-Tek, pump testing of trucks, \$1,200.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, tires, bearing, tie rods, \$1,522.01; Gary's Super Foods, supplies, \$43.48; Gateway Motors Inc., oil change \$59.87; Great Plains Communications, internet, \$70.95; Grocery Kart, supplies, \$124.82; HD Arms, LLC, ammunition, \$878.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Island Supply Welding Co., Oxygen, \$42.68; J.P. Cooke Co., 2021 Dog tags, \$55.50; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$ 216.51; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, paper towels, \$27.28; Lift Stations, Inc., filter for forklift, \$39.79; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., Acetylene, Argon, Arg/Co2, Oxygen; \$101.60; Mead Lumber, supplies, \$408.12; Mid-American Research Chemical, wipe out weed control, \$5,121.80; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 404-firearm instructor school & lodging, \$920.00; O'brien's Hardware, supplies, \$258.13; Oak Creek Engineering, LLC, bridge inspections fees, \$1,087.25; Paulsen Inc., sidewalk at Melham, \$1,086.75; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$747.80; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning service, \$375.00; Reams Sprinkler Supply, sprinkler parts, \$491.31; S&L Sanitary Service, trash around the square, \$49.30; Sara J. Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$1,941.65; Stephanie Wright, reimbursement, \$144.44; Titan Machinery-North Platte, Tool Cat lease, \$5,000.00; Trotter

Service, gasoline& tire repair, \$998.10; Universal Insurance, insurance renewal, \$173,934.92; Van Diest Supply Co, Mosq. Mist \$2,365.80; Verizon, \$421.45; Village Uniform, rugs & laundry, \$113.12; Wenquist Inc., repairs, \$523.55; York News-Times, Street Superintendent-help wanted, \$7.50; Total Bills = \$241,889.10

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to open a public hearing at 6:02 pm regarding Ordinance 1231, No Parking This Side of Street on South 13th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. This ordinance would be an extension of the prohibited parking that is already in place on South 13th Avenue. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 6:04 pm regarding Ordinance 1231, No Parking This Side of Street on South 13th Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to approve Ordinance No. 1231 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH 13TH AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH G STREET AND SOUTH H STREET, IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, IS PROHIBITED, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE." Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to open a public hearing at 6:05 pm regarding Ordinance 1232, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close a public hearing at 6:06 pm regarding Ordinance 1232, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to not waive the two readings of Ordinance 1232, Water Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright read Ordinance 1232, Water Rates.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to open a public hearing at 6:08 pm regarding Ordinance 1233, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close a public hearing at 6:09 pm regarding Ordinance 1233, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Clerk Stephanie Wright read Ordinance 1233, Sewer Rates.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to not waive the two readings of Ordinance 1233, Sewer Rates. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2020-11. Said Resolution amends the spending limit for Department Foremen to \$100 for 2 weeks, Department Heads to \$1,000 for 2 weeks and City Administrator \$50,000 for 2 weeks. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to approve blocking off parking stalls on the East side of the Square and half of the South side of the Square on October 30, 2020 for Halloween Festivities with the Chamber. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the annual certification of the Handibus Funding. 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 6:22 pm regarding Ordinance 1234, Merging the Offices of Overseer of Streets and Parks. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to close a public hearing at 6:23 pm regarding Ordinance 1234, Merging the Offices of Overseer of Streets and Parks. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Miller introduced Ordinance No. 1234 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 31.01: MERGER OF OFFICES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING 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 Holcomb 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, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. 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 Miller moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holcomb. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1234 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 the majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the job description of Overseer of Streets and Parks. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to open a public hearing at 6:26 pm regarding Ordinance 1235, Amended 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. The titles and wages for Emergency Services Director and Overseer of Streets and Parks was added. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb, to close a public hearing at 6:27 pm regarding Ordinance 1235, Amended 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holcomb introduced Ordinance No. 1235 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND MONTHLY SALARY OR HOURLY WAGE RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION" 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: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. 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 Schmidt moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1235 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 the majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to approve the appointment of Darren Marten as Overseer of Streets & Parks. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the appointment of Craig Cranwell as the Water & Sewer Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2020-13. Said Resolution sets the date for the Board of Equalization and levying Special Assessments in connection with the 2018 South 19th Avenue and South G Street Paving Improvements as November 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to approve Resolution 2020-14. Said Resolution approves the City Administrator to approve reoccurring events for street closings and blocking off parking stalls. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:31 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