

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 September 3, 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, Larry Miller, and David Schmidt. 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 Schmidt, to approve the consent agenda for September 8, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, Approval of Volunteer Fire Department Roster, Approval of Ambulance Service Roster, and Approval of Ambulance Service Officer Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment, parts, \$460.23; AFLAC, \$295.89, \$104.22; Axon Enterprise Inc., New Taser, \$1,459.00; Black Hills Energy, Utilities-Gas, \$171.39; Broken Bow Airport Authority, Monthly Payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, Ambulance Incentive, \$440.00; Broken Bow Mun. Utilities, Fuel, \$3,442.87; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, Utilities & Trash Removal, \$10,252.94; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, Gas & Internet, \$58.96; Card Services, Supplies & Pens, \$135.94, \$617.65; Central I.T., LLC, New computer monitor, \$214.00; Central Ne Medical Clinic, drug testing , \$55.00; Chris Henderson, CPR Class, \$50.00; City Flex Benefit Plan, Select Flex-Unreimbursed M/D/V, \$166.04; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$3,211.30; City Of Broken Bow, Pension Fund, \$1,394.12, \$1,327.36; \$6,500.92; Cole Electric, Melham Concessions Sprinkler Repair, \$7,141.71; Colonial Insurance, \$165.57, \$383.22, \$194.80; Custer County Treasurer, Communications Interlocal Payment, \$11,801.52; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$206.11; Danko Emergency Equipment Co. EMS Pans, \$49.11; Dave Dunkel, Boot Allowance, \$96.29; Display Sales, Welcome & American Flags, \$2,629.20; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,008.04, \$5,951.75, \$8,586.08; Eakes Office Products, Supplies, \$158.40; Family Heritage, \$56.00; Gary's Super Foods, Supplies, \$52.13; Great Plains Communications, Internet, \$70.95; Heiman Fire Equipment, Work Boots, 6 Sets of EMS Gear, \$111.20, \$6,444.00; Hometown Leasing, Copier lease, \$159.18; Kim Stoddard, Reimbursement, \$74.75; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, Supplies, \$2,018.08; Lawson Products, Lock Nuts, \$22.00; MES-MIDAM, Air-pack Testing, \$1,157.95; Mid Plains, Community College, CPR Class, \$380.00; Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Pound License, \$175.00; Nebraska Dept of Environmental Quality, Annual Operating Fee for CD CELL, \$750.00; Nebraska Dept of Revenue, Waste Reduction Fee, \$25.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, Supervisor Training - Fiorelli, \$216.00; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$175.00; Overnight Auto, battery for pickup, \$164.95; Paula Daily, Reimbursement, \$79.00; Prachts Ace Hardware, \$27.98; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, Cleaning Service, \$375.00; Quill Corporation, Supplies, \$133.93; Register of Deeds, Lien Release, \$10.00, Sandry Fire Supply, LLC, EMS Helmets, Soap, Annual Service Check - Jaws of Life, \$6,111.25; Sara J. Hulinsky, Cleaning Service,

\$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law, Legal Fees \$1,152.09; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,623.06; Titan Machinery, filters, \$74.40; Trotter's Service, Gasoline \$120.23; Trotter's Whoa & Go, Fuel, \$186.55; Verizon Wireless, Police Internet for I-pads, \$280.07; Village Uniform, Rug Cleaning, \$50.30; W Bar Fire Extinguishers, LLC, Test Extinguishers, \$150.00; Biweekly Payroll, \$50,575.59; Total Bills = \$146,006.60

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to approve the appointment of Megan Svoboda as the Library Director as of October 1, 2020. 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 6:03 pm regarding Ordinance 1228, 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance. 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 the public hearing at 6:05 pm regarding Ordinance 1228, 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Miller introduced Ordinance No. 1228 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 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: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, 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 Holcomb moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Miller. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1228 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Myers, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. 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 Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to open a public hearing at 6:06 pm regarding Ordinance 1229, 2020-2021 Annual Appropriation Bill. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk/Treasurer Stephanie Wright explained the appropriation bill. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 6:07 pm regarding Ordinance 1229, 2020-2021 Annual Appropriation Bill. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holcomb introduced Ordinance No. 1229 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE" 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: Miller, Schmidt, Holcomb, 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. 1229 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Myers, Holcomb, Schmidt, and Miller. 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 Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve Resolution 2020-7. Said resolution approves the additional 1% increase to the Restricted Funds. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:10 pm regarding setting the final tax request for 2020-2021. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Clerk-Treasurer Stephanie Wright explained the City of Broken Bow Tax Request. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to close the public hearing at 6:11 pm regarding setting the final tax request for 2020-2021. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Schmidt, to approve Resolution 2020-8. Said resolution sets the property tax for 2020-2021. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:12 pm regarding Resolution 2020-9, 1 & 6 Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. The 1 & 6 Year Plan was explained with Memorial Drive being the hopeful project in the next year. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to close the public hearing at 6:14 pm regarding Resolution 2020-9, 1 & 6 Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to approve Resolution 2020-9. Said resolution approves the 1 & 6 Year Street Improvement Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution 2020-10. Said resolution approves the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance for the 1 & 6 Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller to open a public hearing at 6:15 pm regarding Ordinance 1230, Handicap Parking Space. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to close the public hearing at 6:17 pm regarding Ordinance 1230, Handicap Parking Space. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1230 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, REGARDING THE PLACING FOR THE PLACING OF A DESIGNATED "HANDICAP PARKING" SPACE, IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY,

NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE” 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, Schmidt, Holcomb, 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 Schmidt. The Mayor stated the question, “Shall Ordinance No. 1230 be passed and adopted?” Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, 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 Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:18 pm regarding Ordinance 1231 – No Parking This Side of Street on South 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. This ordinance will provide a No Parking This Side of Street sign on South 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This street leads to the tree dump and is difficult for vehicles to fit down this street when other vehicles are parked on the street. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to close the public hearing at 6:20 pm regarding the Ordinance 1231 – No Parking This Side of Street on South 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to not waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1231. The Council would like to give the opportunity for the residents on South 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be notified and given the chance to have any questions or concerns heard. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Schmidt, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

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Stephanie M. Wright, City Clerk