

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2020**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 22, 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 December 17, 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, David Schmidt, and Chris Myers. Absent: Larry Miller. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Larry Miller arrived at 6:11 p.m.

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

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent agenda for December 22, 2020. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$400.11; Ag Land ATV, blade, \$25.95; Awards & More, recognition plaques, \$234.50; Broken Bow Mun. Utilities, fuel, \$1,944.36; Capital One, safety lights, \$375.80; Carquest of Broken Bow, Christmas Lights, \$23.98; Carroll Construction Supply, Tarr/Patch, \$1,533.00; Central I.T., LLC, Network Card, \$34.95; Central Mediation Center, mediation, \$300.00; Century Link, basic & long distance, \$713.24; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$166.04; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$3,028.52; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,509.61; \$7,024.74; Colonial Insurance, \$383.22; \$194.80; Consolidated Management Co., meals NLETC, \$129.35; Culligan Water Conditioning, salt & repair, \$109.84; Custer County Clerk, general election, \$102.50; Deb's Embroidery Shop, hoodies, \$191.84; Dollar General, supplies, \$4.25; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,123.20; \$6,938.37; \$9,078.44; Eakes Office Products, supplies, \$147.40; \$420.85; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Frontier Family Pharmacy, Narcan spray, \$134.50; Gary's Super Foods, supplies, \$58.84; Gateway Motors Inc., fuel injector, \$662.01; Great Plains Asbestos Control, 631 S. 9th, \$4,800.00; Great Plains Communications, Internet, \$70.95; Hire Right Solutions, annual fee, \$250.00; Ingram Library Services, books & movies, \$1,017.24; Integrity Home Inspection & Testing, 631 S. 9th Asbestos Abatement, \$500.00; Island Supply Welding Co., Oxygen, \$166.02; JEO, Annual Billing-2020 Road Program, \$4,000.00; Jeffres Sand and Gravel, gravel, \$1,223.03; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$216.51; Kully Pipe & Steel, dump truck sides, \$262.86; Mark Wells, reimbursement, \$205.72; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., bottle rental, \$206.12; Megan Svoboda, FM Transmitter, \$88.16; Myers Iron Salvage, 631 S. 9th Demo, \$500.00; NMC Exchange LLC, grader blades & snowblower mount, \$2,651.20; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, software fee, \$1,482.00; Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment, Inc., fire alarm inspection, \$135.00; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$75.00; Paula Daily, supplies, \$7.48; Paulsen Inc., cement, \$984.38; Platte Valley Communications, virus protection, \$224.40; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$68.83; Pristine Cleaning, cleaning service, \$325.00; Quill Corporation, calendars & hand sanitizer, \$69.91; R & S Radiator, air compressor, \$87.50; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$3,006.80; Taste of Home, cookbooks, \$77.00; Trotter Service, tires & repair, \$946.48; Trotter's Whoa & Go, fuel, \$734.69 Verizon Wireless, phones & hot spots, \$421.45; Wenquist Inc., Christmas lights, \$49.90; Total Bills = \$62,873.34.

Mayor Sonnichsen presented Recognition of Years of Service Awards. 5 Years: Shane Fiorelli and Julie Toline; 15 Years: Dave Dunkel and Tom Eberle; 30 Years: Jeff Berghorst and Darren Marten; and 40 Years: Chief Steve Scott.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve City Administrator Daniel Knoell as an authorized signer for all City Bank Accounts held at Bruning Bank and Nebraska State Bank. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to open a public hearing at 6:08 pm regarding Ordinance 1236, Merging the Offices of Deputy Clerk and City Treasurer. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell explained the benefits of merging the offices of Deputy Clerk and City Treasurer. Councilman Schmidt stated he sees it as a good fit. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to close a public hearing regarding Ordinance 1236, Merging the Offices of Deputy Clerk and City Treasurer at 6:10 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1236 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AMENDING SECTION 31:03: 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: Myers, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. 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 Myers moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holcomb. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1236 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Absent: Miller. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the job description for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. 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 Ordinance 1237, Amended 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Miller, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Knoell informed the Council that this change would be including the new position of Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to close a public hearing regarding Ordinance 1237, Amended 2020-2021 Wage Ordinance at 6:13 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Schmidt, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1237 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 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: Myers, Schmidt, 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. 1237 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb, Schmidt, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to approve appointing Kandi K. Peters as the City Clerk. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve appointing Blake Waldow as the Electric Superintendent. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to open a public hearing at 6:15 pm regarding Ordinance 1238, No Parking Spaces. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, Miller, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell explained resident Bill Butler is building a house and is requesting to designate (3) three "No Parking" spaces located on the south side of South F Street. The (1st) first (3) three parking stalls east of South 8th Avenue. Bill Butler informed the Council of his plans for building the home and having the driveway end where those parking stalls are located. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to close a public hearing regarding Ordinance 1238, No Parking Spaces. at 6:21 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Schmidt to not waive the 3 readings of Ordinance 1238. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Miller, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to approve the new contract with City Administrator Daniel Knoell. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Miller, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:23 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kandi K. Peters, City Clerk