

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2021**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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 May 6, 2021. 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, Dave Schmidt, and Larry Miller. Absent: Chris Myers. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to approve the absence of Councilmen Myers. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. 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 May 11, 2021. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, \$590.82; \$183.24; Andy Holland, firetruck title, \$20.00; Blessing Construction, concrete, \$5,540.13; Broken Bow Airport Authority, monthly payment, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, ambulance incentive, \$745.00; Broken Bow Fire Department, fuel, supplies, \$307.63; Broken Bow Mun. Utilities, fuel, \$3,196.54; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, utilities/trash removal, \$7,438.79; Card Services, repairs, \$569.83; Century Link, basic/long distance, \$651.20; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$135.00; City of Broken Bow Health Insurance, \$2,822.80; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,361.34; \$6,336.42; Colonial Insurance, \$916.16; \$316.76; Custer County Treasurer, Communications Interlocal Payment, \$12,120.58; Custer Public Power, CD Cell Power, \$90.45; Darren Marten, education program, \$80.00; Dave Dunkel, boot allowance, \$101.64; EFTPS Online Payment \$2,118.52; \$6,015.76; \$9,058.50; Eakes, copier lease, supplies, \$1,947.20, Enerspect, training materials, \$152.83; Family Heritage, \$51.00; Garrett Tires & Treads, repairs, \$28.15; Great Plains Communications, Internet, \$70.95; Grocery Kart, table clothes for auditorium, \$83.12; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, \$159.18; Island Supply Welding Co. oxygen, \$10.98; JEO, CD Cell Financial Submittal and Drinking Water Plan, \$6,649.75; John Deere Financial, mower lease, \$216.51; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, supplies, \$1,292.34; Lawrence Stump, medical bill, \$167.86; MPH Industries, radar repair, \$87.93; Mid Plains Community College, CPR Class, \$455.00; Nebraska State Treasurer, dog tags, \$52.38; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$75.00; Peak Software System, pool software, \$1,280.00; Platte Valley Communications, installation of server, \$1,736.40; Power Solutions, repairs, \$24.91; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$569.34; Presto X Company, pest service, \$116.63; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning service, \$325.00; Rockmount Research and Alloys Inc., welding rod, \$441.60; S&L Sanitary Service, trash around the square, \$49.30; Steve Mogensen, education program, \$80.00; Sara J. Hulinsky, cleaning service, \$1,192.00; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,799.21; TextMyGov, software, \$3,000.00; V-Bar Sales & Service, supplies & repairs, \$832.71; Verizon Wireless, police internet for Ipads, \$280.07; Weathercraft, repairs, \$250.00; Total Bills: \$86,277.79.

Discussion was held about the Mobile Food Vendors on the Square. City Administrator Dan Knoell addressed Council. He has received several complaints about the Mobile Food Vendors that have

been parked on the south side of the Square. Some complaints mentioned were lack of trash removal, power cords being trip hazards, misusing city outlets, being parked for over 24hrs, and an eye sore. He elaborated that from a tourist standpoint these vendors remove the view of the square and eliminate available parking. Park Foreman Steve Mogensen spoke to the Council about what he has observed while maintaining the Square. He explained certain vendors are not cleaning up after themselves and leaving full bags of trash by the trash receptacles which then at times tip over, spreading trash all over the ground. He detailed how when these vendors utilize the power outlets in the square the breakers go out frequently and instead of reporting those issues to the City, they string their power cords from one side of the Square to the other side causing a big concern for safety. When this happens and those power cords are laying through the grass, they are not easily visible for workers such as himself mowing or doing other maintenance throughout the square. He has visited with these vendors about covering the power cords to eliminate the tripping hazard which they were doing for a while but now they are not. Managing Editor for the Custer County Chief Mona Weatherly stressed her concerns of the competition with local businesses and for the safety of individuals crossing the street. Jason Baum was also concerned about taking away customers from local businesses who pay taxes. Mayor Sonnichsen said in July of 2019 they were dealing with some of the same issues. Police Chief Steve Scott informed the council that the parking direction is probably not correct but has never been enforced because you cannot say who can and cannot park at that location. Joyce Richardson informed the Council that back in 2019 the fee for a mobile food vendor permit was increased because these businesses do not pay property taxes. Mayor Sonnichsen asked Joyce Richardson if she thought revising the mobile food vendor permit to only be used at special events such as market on the square would be a reasonable request. She elaborated that food trucks are becoming more and more popular and that they should be welcomed more than one day a week.

Fire Chief Jason Baum gave a fire report to the Council. They have had to use the new truck and it worked well. Baum said he feels it was a great purchase for the City and has saved a lot of man hours. Eight Firemen have been trained to run it and more are working on being trained. Councilman Schmidt read an appreciation letter he wrote for all the firemen thanking them for all they do.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the appointment of David Schmidt as a Representative for Custer County Communications. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller and Holcomb. Nays: None. Abstain: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Holcomb, to approve the Car and Bike Show, with street closer of D Street on July 24, 2021. Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Miller, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holcomb, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kandi K. Peters, City Clerk

