

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2021**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 22, 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 June 17, 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, Chris Myers, and Dave Schmidt. Absent: Larry Miller. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to approve the absence of councilmen Miller. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, Myers. 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 Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the consent agenda for June 8, 2021. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2021 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and November-April Treasurer Reports. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, pretax, \$276.39; post tax, \$110.64; Ag Land ATV, repairs, \$44.99; Beaver Bearing Co., repairs, \$78.00; Black Hills Energy, meter repair, \$844.97; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, 2021 Fire School, \$857.14; Carquest of Broken Bow, supplies, \$24.83; Central I.T., LLC, maintenance, \$105.00; CenturyLink, basic & long distance, \$759.48; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$135.00; City Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$2,822.80; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, loans, \$1,823.31; retirement, \$6,401.04; Colonial Insurance, pretax \$370.51; post tax \$140.92; Custer County Chief, publications, subscription, \$255.58; Demco, supplies, \$88.87; Deterdings, pool chemicals, \$8,059.57; Dollar General, \$25.50; EFTPS Online Payment, Medicare, \$2,296.62; Federal, \$6,423.05; Social Security, \$9,820.06; EZ IT Solutions, IT Services, \$10,618.75; Eakes Office Products, supplies, \$169.87; Ed Wilder, repair, \$64.99; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Frontier Family Pharmacy, supplies, \$25.90; Garrett Tires & Treads, repairs, \$42.45; Gateway Motors Inc., oil change, \$59.49; Grocery Kart, supplies, \$75.23; Ingram Library Services, materials, \$2,056.02; Island Supply Welding Co., oxygen, \$5.58; JEO, flood risk reduction, Memorial Drive Project, and Mud Creek Levee Restoration, \$20,088.45; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, supplies, \$310.17; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., rental, \$425.07; Megan Svoboda, materials, \$37.43; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar calibration, \$240.00; Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment, Inc., fire alarm & extinguisher inspection, \$184.00; O'Brien's Hardware, parts & supplies, \$91.08; Omaha State Bank, HSA, \$25.00; Paper Tiger Shredding, \$80.00; Power Solutions, yearly service, \$197.64; Prachts Ace Hardware, supplies, \$493.58; Presto X Company, monthly service, \$54.00; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, cleaning service, \$375.00; Ranchland Ford, oil change & tire rotation, \$89.03; S & L Sanitation, trash around the square, \$49.30; Sandra Manning, sewing, \$71.00; Sargent Pipe Co., pool repair, \$63.41; Schaper and White Law Firm, legal fees, \$1,630.41; Site One Landscape Supply, repairs, \$1,180.44; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,929.06; TX Child Support SDU, \$138.46; Time Management Systems Inc., software services, \$2,611.30; Trotter Fertilizer, weed spray, \$2,425.65; Trotter Service, parts & repairs, \$449.68; Trotter's Whoa & Go, fuel, \$78.74; Universal Insurance, Kandi & Jessica's Bonds, and Firetruck Insurance, \$1,237.00; Verizon Wireless, cellphones & hot spots, \$306.44; Wenquist Inc., parts, \$33.67; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$58,370.02; Total Bills: \$149,173.08.

City Administrator Dan Knoell informed the Council and community about TextMyGov, Two new services that the City of Broken Bow offer. To receive City notifications via text message, text 91896 to BROKENBOW. The other text service provides 24/7 assistance to report issues and find answers. To connect via text, text "Hi" to 308-872-7226.

Discussion was held with Paul Stec from Off Broadway.

Financial Service Professional James Clang with Clang Financial and Ameritas Regional Vice President Jay Killgore gave a presentation to the Council about a potential option to replace the current employee pension program.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to approve the appointment of Ryan Coleman to the Park Board for a 3-year term ending February 2024. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to open the sealed bids for the Sale of College Estates Block 2 Lot 4. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell opened the two sealed bids in front of the Council. The first sealed bid opened was from Mike Kratzer in the amount \$12,500.00. The second sealed bid opened was from Premier Storage in the amount of \$22,500.00. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to approve the bid of \$22,500.00 from Premier Storage. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb and Schmidt. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to open a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 1131 North G at 6:34 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Chief Steve Scott informed the Council that the property has been vacant for some time. Scott contacted the property owner and they have made arrangements to sell the property to the neighbor. The neighbor has plans to demo the property. City Attorney Jason White advised the Council that it is 60 days statutory to take action on the nuisance complaint. City Administrator Dan Knoell requested they allow 60 days post-closing when the new owners take possession. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to close a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 1131 North G at 6:39 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to approve a course of action to be taken for the new property owners to complete cleaning up the nuisance property located at 1131 North G within 60 days post-closing. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to open a public hearing Resolution 2021-10 Removing the Use of Extension Cords on the City Square at 6:40 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell read Resolution 2021-10. Knoell stated the City is liable for potential slip, trip, or fall hazards. Now that the City is aware of these conditions it is considered gross negligence. Mayor Sonnichsen requested City Attorney Jason White to clarify the legalities. White said ultimately whether the City is at fault or not, we will be sued. Once the City has been informed, we have acknowledged the hazard so we are more liable. We have to make it safe for everyone and should work on this together. During the public comment, several community members addressed the Council with their opinions on the resolution. Mayor Rod Sonnichsen addressed the Council saying the resolution may be an extreme. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to close the public hearing for Resolution 2021-10 Removing Extension Cords on the City Square at 6:59 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to postpone Resolution 2021-10 Removing Extension Cords on the City Square until the August 10, 2021 City Council Meeting. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to open a public hearing on Ordinance 1243, Mobile Food Vendors at 7:00 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on Ordinance 1243 Mobile Food Vendors. Several community members addressed the Council. Council President thanked everyone for their comments and said this type of discourse is how governments should be run. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to close the public hearing on Ordinance 1243, Mobile Food Vendors at 7:21 pm.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to not waive the three readings of Ordinance 1243, Mobile Food Vendors. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:22 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kandi K. Peters, City Clerk