

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2021**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 24, 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 August 19, 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.

Council President Jacob Holcomb called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Jacob Holcomb, David Schmidt, and Chris Myers. Absent: Mayor Sonnichsen and Larry Miller. President Holcomb announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Holcomb read the format for submitting requests for future agenda items.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to approve the consent agenda for August 24, 2021. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Council Meeting, Bills to Date and the July Treasurer Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

7/28/2021 - 8/10/2021 - AKRS EQUIPMENT, \$1,992.10; Aflac, \$276.39; \$110.64; \$365.74; Baxter Welding, \$85.00; Black Hills Energy, \$160.45; Broken Bow Airport Authority, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, \$1,005.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, \$3,229.94; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$10,456.54; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, \$420.17; Century Link, \$656.50; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$135.00; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$2,500.49; City of Broken Bow, Pension Fund, \$1,811.21; \$5,978.84; Colonial Insurance, \$370.51; \$140.92; \$119.44; Custer County Treasurer - \$12,120.58; Custer Public Power, \$43.13; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,346.12; \$6,250.34; \$10,031.44; EZ IT Solutions, \$2,192.13; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Fyr-Tek, \$412.90; Great Plains Communications, \$70.95; Greg Krueger & Associates, \$320.91; Grocery Kart, \$1,182.25; Heartland Clerk's Association, \$20.00; Heiman Fire Equipment, \$4,050.00; Hometown Leasing, \$159.18; Insurance Aid Services, \$1,133.78; Island Supply Company, \$43.68; J.P. Cooke Co., \$69.00; Lawson Products, \$62.43; League of NE Municipalities, \$8,696.00; NATP, \$65.00; Omaha State Bank, \$25.00; Paper Tiger Shredding, \$40.00; Platte Valley Communications, \$24.79; \$263.00; Pracht's Ace Hardware, \$601.72; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, \$375.00; Quill Corporation, \$346.73; Reams, \$656.34; S&L Sanitary Service, \$49.30; Sandry Fire Supply LLC, \$741.00; Sara J. Hulinsky, \$1,192.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, \$1,502.09; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,914.27; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; Unitech, \$1,897.50; Van Diest Supply Co, \$1,170.00; Verizon Wireless, \$280.07; Wenquist Inc., \$725.02; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$60,423.64; Total - \$153,490.23.

8/11/2021 - 8/24/2021, Aflac, \$276.39; \$110.64; Andy Holland, \$13.19; B&D Diamond Pro \$4,220.34; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, \$492.58; Bound Tree Medical, \$709.92; Bow Locksmith, \$121.85; Broken Bow Ambulance Service, \$1,439.00; Broken Bow Area Rotary, \$450.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, \$30,321.25; Carquest of Broken Bow, \$139.76; Century Link, \$85.49; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$135.00; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance; \$11,272.98; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,811.21; \$6,004.36; Colonial Insurance, \$370.51; \$140.92; Dan Knoell, \$16.00; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,184.24; \$5,992.22; \$9,339.58; Eakes Office Products, \$1,172.41; \$398.79; Family Handyman, \$15.00; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Fyr-Tek, \$191.45; Garrett Tires & Treads, \$221.90; Gateway Motors Inc, \$361.99; Hero 24/7, \$173.0; Ingram Library Services, \$1,275.34; Insurance Aid Services, \$1,034.18; JEO, \$11,543.50; Kim Blackburn, \$177.95; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, \$258.74; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, \$104.52; Mead Lumber, \$279.65; Nebraska Library Commission, \$134.00; News Bank, \$562.00; Omaha State Bank, \$25.00; PenServ Plan Services, \$750.00; Pracht's Ace Hardware, \$15.01; Presto X Company, \$54.00; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, \$375.00; Ranchland Ford, \$188.10; Reams, \$1,231.28; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2781.16; Steve Scott, \$66.95; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; The

( Grand Island Independent, \$26.00; Trotter Service, \$164.00; Trotter's Whoa & Go, \$83.49; Verizon Wireless, \$267.69; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$55,649.99; Total - \$155,324.25.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to approve Cynthia Ruzicka as the Resident Commissioner of the Broken Bow Housing Authority. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Schmidt and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to open a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 729 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6:03 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the nuisance property located at 729 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Police Chief Steve Scott informed the Council that the City has been dealing with this property since 2006. Scott said the City has also been mowing this property for the past few years. Since the owner is now deceased, they have sent out several notices to the brother who took over the property but have not had any response. City Attorney Jason White explained the options that the City could take per City Ordinance. The City could assess costs or sue, Councilman Chris Myers was curious if they have paid their property taxes. This would determine if someone is responding to the tax notices. Myers said this would be helpful to know if they are receiving the notices or just ignoring them before making the decision to assess costs or sue. City Administrator Dan Knoell will be looking into the status of the property taxes. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to close a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 729 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6:16 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to postpone a course of action on the nuisance property located at 729 North 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue until tax information is gathered. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

( Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to open a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 1401 South D Street at 6:17 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the nuisance property located at 1401 South D Street. Police Chief Steve Scott informed the Council that this property has had issues with the previous and current residents. Fanny Poff, who is the current owner, addressed the Council. Poff said she bought the property in December of 2020 and discovered later discovered it had back taxes due. Poff said she has sold the property and is no longer living there. The new owners are to take possession September 5<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Myers, seconded by Schmidt to close a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 1401 South D Street at 6:23 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb to postpone a course of action on the nuisance property located at 1401 South D Street and revisit the 60 days after the new owners take over and see if progress is made. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to open a public hearing on the nuisance property located at 1423 South G Street at 6:24 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Myers, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the nuisance property located at 1423 South G Street. Chief Scott informed the Council that progress has been made to this property with the help of the property owners employer helping them clean. Scott said there is still a lot of work left to do. Property owner Clara Robertson addressed the Council saying she feels like she has fixed the problem. Robertson said her son loves to collect things and is always bringing more stuff home. She told her son he is no longer allowed to collect things or he will have to move out. Councilman Myers explained to Robertson that it is the Council's responsibility to enforce the ordinances and to keep the town looking the best they can. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to close a public hearing on the Nuisance Property located at 1423 South G Street at 6:30 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

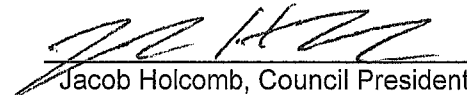
( Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holcomb to postpone a course of action on the nuisance property located at 1423 South G Street and revisit 60 days. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb, Schmidt, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to open a public hearing on the Nuisance Property located at 1131 North G Street at 6:31 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holcomb, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell informed the Council that this property had new owners take over two weeks ago. Since then, they have been making a lot progress cleaning up, including the garage being torn down. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Myers to close a public hearing on the Nuisance Property located at 1131 North G Street. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to open a public hearing on the Ordinance 1244 Replat Sargent's Third Edition Block 1 to Broken Bow, Custer County Nebraska at 6:34 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holcomb, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Knoell informed the Council on the Replat of Sargent's Third Edition Block 1, which location was previously the old Broken Bow Care and Rehab property. This Plat divides the properties into three lots. Moved by Holcomb, seconded by Schmidt to close a public hearing on the Ordinance 1244 Replat Sargent's Third Edition Block 1 to Broken Bow, Custer County Nebraska at 6:36 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holcomb and Schmidt. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1244 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE REPLAT OF SARGENT'S THIRD ADDITION BLOCK 1 TO BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY NEBRASKA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion. President Holcomb stated the motion and instructed the Clerk to call the roll. The Clerk called the roll, and the following was the vote: Ayes: Schmidt and Holcomb. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. 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 Holcomb. President Holcomb stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1244 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holcomb and Schmidt. Nays: None. Abstain: Myers. Motion carried. The passage and adoption of said Ordinance having been concurred by a majority of all members of the Council, President Holcomb declared the Ordinance adopted.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holcomb, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:37 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Schmidt, and Holcomb. Nays: None. Motion carried.

  
Jacob Holcomb, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Kandi K Peters, City Clerk

