Broken Bow City Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 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 December 9, 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: Larry Miller and Chris Myers. Absent: Jacob Holcomb and David Schmidt. 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 Myers to approve the consent agenda for December 14, 2021. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 23, 2021, Council Meeting, Bills as Posted, Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Roster, and Broken Bow Ambulance Service Roster. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller to approve the absence of Councilmember Jacob Holcomb and Councilmember David Schmidt. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS EQUIPMENT, \$3,317.74; AFLAC, \$398.06; \$111.96; \$326.16; \$398.06; \$111.96; ARROW SEED, \$19.99; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$620.00; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, \$152.99; BOW FAMILY FURNITURE, \$101.40; BROKEN BOW AIRPORT AUTHORITY, \$1,083.33; BROKEN BOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, \$1,685.00; BROKEN BOW MUN UTILITIES, \$3,805.56; BROKEN BOW MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, \$7,433.88; BROKEN BOW POSTMASTER, \$160.00; BROKEN BOW RURAL FIRE BOARD, \$863.09; BRUNING STATE BANK, \$9,432.43; CAPITAL ONE, \$5,793.55; CARD SERVICES, \$200.59; \$3,024.98; CARQUEST OF BROKEN BOW, \$159.64; CASH WA DISTRIBUTING, \$1,186.56; CITY FLEX BENEFIT PLAN, \$135.00; \$135.00; CITY OF BROKEN BOW - HEALTH INSURANCE, \$2,406.49; \$31,239.61; \$2,406.49; CITY OF BROKEN BOW PENSION FUND, \$1,446.21; \$7,708.02; \$538.51; \$1,446.21; \$8,044.20; \$667.16; COLONIAL INSURANCE, \$385.95; \$118.72; \$415.08; \$118.72; CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, \$19.50; CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF, \$646.97; CUSTER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, \$2,500.00; CUSTER COUNTY TREASURER, \$12,916.67; CUSTER PUBLIC POWER, \$96.63; DUDA PLUMBING, \$2,025.65; EFTPS ONLINE PAYMENT, \$2,135.46; \$6,474.11; \$9,131.04; \$2,172.42; \$6,607.55; \$9,289.14; EZ IT SOLUTIONS, \$1,860.00; EAKES OFFICE PRODUCT, \$314.34; FAMILY HERITAGE, \$25.50; \$25.50; FARRITOR AUTO PARTS, \$65.00; GARRETT TIRES & TREADS, \$806.23; GARY'S SUPER FOODS, \$16.14; \$28.11; GATEWAY MOTORS INC, \$61.55; GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, \$70.95; HIRE RIGHT SOLUTIONS, \$250.00; HOMETOWN LEASING, \$159.18; JEO, \$38,990.00; JOHN

DEERE FINANCIAL, \$216.51; JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS, INC., \$1,925.00; KIRKPATRICK CLEANING SOLUTIONS, \$159.84; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, \$1,204.10; MICHAEL TODD & CO, \$2,293.75; MT. CUSTER TRUCK SALES, \$18.20; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, \$155.00; NEBRASKA MUNICIPAL POWER POOL, \$1,482.00; NEBRASKA PASTURE DOOR, \$210.00; OBRIEN'S HARDWARE, \$18.05; PAPER TIGER SHREDDING, \$40.00; PLATTE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, \$303.82; POLICE OFFICERS ASSN OF NEBR, \$70.00; PRISTINE CLEANING, LLC, \$375.00; QUILL CORPORATION, \$76.98; RT ACE, \$164.17; RANCHLAND FORD, \$26.97; ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH AND ALLOYS INC., \$53.16; S&L SANITARY SERVICE, \$49.30; SANDHILLS CUSTOM CREATIONS, \$143.96; SARA J. HULINSKY, \$837.00; SCHAPER AND WHITE LAW FIRM, \$933.33; SECRETARY OF STATE, \$30.00; \$30.00; SMARTSIGN, \$2,587.94; STATE INCOMÉ TAX WH NE ONLINE PAYMENT, \$2,919.49; \$3,001.86; STRYKER MEDICAL, \$1,712,92; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU, \$69.23; \$69.23; THE GARDEN CENTER, \$120.00; TITAN MACHINERY-LEXINGTON, \$402.00; TITAN MACHINERY-NORTH PLATTE \$2,015.20; VERIZON WIRELESS, \$280.07; VILLAGEUNIFORM, \$129.55; WENQUIST INC., \$25.56; BIWEEKLY PAYROLL, \$53,136.94; \$52,471.72; TOTAL - \$324,043.79.

Executive Vice President of Corporate Development Molly Brown with GenPro Energy Solutions and Tim Chancellor gave a presentation on solar energy. They described the different options GenPro Energy Solutions offer, and the possibility of bringing solar energy to Broken Bow. City Administrator Dan Knoell mentioned Indian Hills would be a possible location for the solar power system. Mayor Sonnichsen said several individuals have already approached the City about solar panels. He expressed that the City is working on finding the best solution for all, but they need to take their time and not make a split-second decision.

Electric Superintendent Blake Waldow and Emergency Services Director Andy Holland gave a presentation on Fire Safety Awareness.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers to approve the addition of the City Administrator as a Designated Official to 91.02 Enforcement Official of the Municipal Code. Roll Call vote: Miller and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller to open a public hearing regarding Ordinance 1249, Board of Public Works Temporary Suspension of Powers at 7:00 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell explained to the Council due to the recent death of a board member, the board was no longer able to reach the required three-member quorum. The Council will take over the powers of the Board of Public Works until the three-member quorum is reached. The powers will then immediately return to the BOPW, once the Council approves the appointment of a new board member. Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Myers introduced Ordinance No. 1249 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE BROKEN BOW BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA." 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 and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. The motion to suspend the rules was adopted pursuant to Nebraska State Statue 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 Myers. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1249 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: 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 Miller, seconded by Myers to approve the approval of Board of Public Works Bills as Posted. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kandi K Peters, City Clerk

