

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 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 April 21, 2022. 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 Council members present: David Schmidt, Larry Miller, Chris Myers, and David Baltz. Absent: None. 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 Schmidt, seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda for April 26, 2022. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2022 Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and March Treasurer Report. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Baltz, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AceK9, \$2,861.28; Aflac, Pre-Tax \$402.25; Post-Tax \$143.46; Biblionix, \$1,700.00; Bound Tree Medical, \$750.40; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, \$484.68; Carroll Construction Supply, \$281.80; Century Link, \$754.01; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$110.00; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$2,626.23; City of Broken Bow, Pension Plan, \$1,780.36; \$8,043.02; \$682.31; Colonial Insurance, \$415.08; \$118.72; Consumer Reports, \$31.04; Credit Management Services, \$165.39; \$238.36; Custer County Chief, \$80.49; Dave Dunkel, \$15.71; Demco, \$91.11; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,231.76; \$6,253.60; \$9,542.60; Eakes Office Products, \$177.71; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Fixed Right Auto Body, \$195.00; Ingram Library Services, \$2,199.83; Insurance Aid Services, \$3,926.04; Julie Toline, \$62.54; KCNI/KBBN, \$250.00; Mead Lumber, \$1,943.43; News Bank, \$579.00; OBrien's Hardware, \$231.96; OCLC Inc., \$141.54; Paulsen Inc., \$1,053.86; Penguin Management, \$1,280.00; Presto X Company, \$54.00; Psychology Today, \$29.97; RT Ace, \$1,336.49; Ranchland Ford, \$30,955.00; Reams, \$10,078.01; S&L Sanitary Service, \$49.30; Safety Kleen Corp., \$208.37; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,907.77; Steve Scott, \$58.52; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; The Radar Shop, \$245.00; Trotter Service, \$210.00; Trotter's Whoa & Go, \$198.01; United States Treasury, \$208.28; V-Bar Sales & Service, \$604.64; Varney Healthmart, \$5.11; Verizon Wireless, \$374.84; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$54,927.49; Total: \$154,390.10.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:01 pm, regarding Resolution 2022-4, Resolution calling NDEE Water Loan D311229. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad Slaughter, Senior Vice President of Piper Sandler & Co. addressed the Council and

public about the possibility of refinancing the City's Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) Water loan. Discussion was held. Slaughter informed the Council that if the savings is sufficient enough, refinancing could save the City more than \$34,000 between the years 2022-2029 depending on the interest rates. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to close a public hearing at 6:07 pm, regarding Resolution 2022-4, Resolution calling NDEE Water Loan D311229. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers, to approve Resolution 2022-4, Resolution calling NDEE Water Loan D311229. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Miller, Myers, Schmidt, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:08 pm, regarding Ordinance 1259, Ordinance issuing G.O. Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$925,000. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Miller, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Brad Slaughter, Senior Vice President of Piper Sandler & Co. addressed the Council and public about the possibility of refinancing the General Obligation (G.O.) Water Refunding Bonds. Discussion was held. City Administrator Dan Knoell recommended to the Council to waive the three readings. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller, to close a public hearing at 6:09 pm, regarding Ordinance 1259, Ordinance issuing G.O. Water Refunding Bonds, Series 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$925,000. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Miller, Baltz, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Council member Miller introduced Ordinance No. 1259 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION WATER REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022, OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$925,000) TO REFUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND AND FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES TO PAY SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DELIVERY OF THE BONDS TO THE PURCHASER; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE BOND PROCEEDS AND ORDERING THE ORDINANCE PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the motion and instructed the City Clerk to call the roll. The City Clerk called the roll, and the following was the vote: Ayes: Miller, Myers, Schmidt, and Baltz. 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 Council member Schmidt moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council member Miller. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1259 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Miller, Myers, and Baltz. 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 Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:11 pm, regarding Ordinance 1260, Amending Mayor and City Council Wages. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Miller, Baltz, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Knoell informed the Council and public of the current salaries. The current City Councilmember salary is \$2,100 yearly and the Mayor is \$6,000 yearly. This Ordinance would raise the Council's salary \$1,400 to \$3,500 yearly and raise the Mayor's salary \$1,500 to \$7,500 yearly. Councilmember Miller expressed his concern that the public was not given input and that it was odd to increase their own wages. Knoell explained the last increase was about four years ago and this increase would not take effect until after the November 2022 elections. Knoell stated that the Mayor and Council are very active and more involved. Knoell recommended to the Council for them to waive the three readings of Ordinance 1260. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to close a public hearing at 6:20 pm, regarding Ordinance 1260, Amending Mayor and City Council Wages. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Myers, to not waive the three readings of Ordinance 1260, Amending Mayor and City Council Wages. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Miller, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Mayor Rod Sonnichsen and Chief of Police Steve Scott did the official of pinning of Police Sergeant Chris Anderson.

Updates were given by the following Department Heads: Police Chief Steve Scott, City Clerk Kandi Peters, Electrical Superintendent Blake Waldow, Water/Sewer Superintendent Craig Cranwell, Streets and Parks Overseer, and Deputy Clerk Megan.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:59 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kandi K. Peters, City Clerk

