

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2022**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 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 7, 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, and David Baltz. Absent: Chris Myers. 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 12, 2022. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the March 22, 2022, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Baltz and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

911 Custom, \$76.95; Aflac, \$402.25; \$143.46; \$489.24; Black Hills Energy, \$1,077.53; Broken Bow Airport Authority, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, \$1,480.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, \$2,845.96; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$10,086.42; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, \$4,771.26; Capital One, \$495.80; Card Services, \$7,898.53; Carquest of Broken Bow, \$23.98; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$110.00; City of Broken Bow-Health Insurance, \$2,626.23; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,673.36; \$8,229.10; \$663.26; \$250.00; Colonial Insurance, \$415.08; \$118.72; Credit Management Services, \$238.36; Custer County Chief, \$990.31; Custer County Treasurer, \$12,916.67; Custer Public Power, \$112.68; Custer Transfer Station, \$19.20; Darren Marten, \$160.50; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,262.42; \$6,317.13; \$9,673.82; EZ IT Solutions, \$1,946.97; Eakes Office Products, \$268.38; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Fyr-Tek, \$697.40; Garrett Tires & Treads, \$71.95; Gateway Motors Inc, \$1,508.09; Government Executive Media Group, \$1,995.00; Great Plains Communications, \$70.95; Hire Right Solutions, \$73.04; Holmes Plumbing & Heating, \$6,605.41; Hometown Leasing, \$159.18; Island Supply Welding Co., \$62.63; John Deere Financial, \$216.51; Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, \$151.65; Kully Pipe & Steel, \$458.81; LECC, \$150.00; Mead Lumber, \$35.29; Nebraska State Patrol, \$492.00; Nets Of America, \$2,469.00; Paulsen Inc., \$4,988.00; Platte Valley Communications, \$2,259.36; Pristine Cleaning, LLC, \$375.00; RT Ace, \$51.98; Ramada Midtown Conference Center, \$464.75; Ranchland Ford, \$93.54; Rod Sonnichsen, \$484.84; Sara J. Hulinsky, \$837.00; Schaper and White Law Firm, \$2,266.67; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$2,974.00; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; TextMyGov, \$2,300.00; Tracker Systems,

\$16.99; V-Bar Sales & Service, \$30.00; Verizon Wireless, \$280.07; Village Uniform, \$110.52; Wade Kleebe, \$203.29; Wenquist Inc., \$427.64; Total – \$113,342.19

City Administrator Dan Knoell informed the Council and Public that the City is hosting two free tree dump days, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, as they are the two Saturdays before Graduation. He believes this will help clean up the city after all the wind we have been having.

City Administrator Dan Knoell also informed the Council and the Public that the City Council meetings that are planned for April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and November 8<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Broken Bow Public Library.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller, to open a public hearing at 6:04 pm, regarding Ordinance 1258, Amending Municipal Code Chapter 93 and adding 93.52 Animal Waste to the Municipal Code. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Dan Knoell informed the Council that this is a city-wide issue that needs to be addressed immediately. Knoell explained that many owners let their dogs run free on the fields and in the parks, but do not pick up any of the waste. There have been many instances where people have been playing on the fields and soiled their clothing or shoes from dog feces. Since there are 40 plus teams coming to use the baseball and softball fields in Broken Bow this coming summer, as well as the State Legion Tournament, this issue needs to be resolved. This Ordinance will also help the City employees as well as the police to be able to hold the public responsible for their animal's waste and proper disposal. Knoell made the recommendation to the Council to waive the three readings and approve Ordinance 1258. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller to close the public hearing at 6:12 pm, regarding Ordinance 1258, Amending Municipal Code Chapter 93 and adding 93.52 Animal Waste to the Municipal Code. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Council member Miller introduced Ordinance No. 1258 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 93 AND ADDING 93.52 ANIMAL WASTE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE, IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Council member Schmidt seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the motion and instructed the Deputy Clerk to call the roll. The Deputy Clerk called the roll, and the following was the vote: Ayes: Schmidt, Miller, 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 Miller moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Council member Baltz. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1258 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Miller, 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 Baltz to enter a Closed Session at 6:14 pm to protect the public interest with a strategy session with respect to threat of litigation to or by the public body, to include the Mayor and City Council, City Administrator Dan Knoell, City Attorney Jason White, and Deputy Clerk Megan Linn. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller to exit Closed Session at 6:46 pm for the purpose of protecting the public interest with a strategy session, with respect to threat of litigation to or by the public body. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Baltz, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:48 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Baltz, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

  
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Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Megan N. Linn, Deputy Clerk