

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2022**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Broken Bow Public Library. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by publication in the Custer County Chief on May 5, 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, David Baltz, and Chris Myers. 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 Miller, seconded by Schmidt to approve the consent agenda for May 10, 2022. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 26, 2022, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Service Roster, Broken Bow Volunteer Ambulance Service Roster, and Broken Bow Volunteer Ambulance Service Officers. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Baltz, Myers, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4 County Heating & Air, LLC, \$4,823.85; Aflac, \$402.25; \$143.46; \$326.16; Black Hills Energy, \$691.99; Broken Bow Airport Authority, \$1,083.33; Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce, \$895.00; Broken Bow Mun Utilities, \$3,568.78; Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, \$8,367.67; Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, \$781.83; Capital One, \$435.77; Card Services, \$28,354.54; Carquest of Broken Bow, \$13.74; Carroll Construction Supply, \$281.80; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$110.00; City of Broken Bow Health Insurance, \$2,626.23; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,731.73; \$9,565.80; \$672.29; Colonial Insurance, \$415.08; \$118.72; Custer County Treasurer, \$12,916.67; Custer Public Power, \$102.05; Dollar General, \$79.55; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,599.20; \$8,688.23; \$11,113.92; EZ IT Solutions, \$2,097.97; Eakes Office Products, \$728.32; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Garrett Tires & Treads, \$52.25; Great Plains Communications, \$70.95; Hometown Leasing, \$159.18; Jeffres Sand and Gravel, \$508.68; Jessica LeAnn Knoell, \$400.00; Mid Plains Community College, \$65.00; RT Ace, \$34.20; S&L Sanitary Service, \$49.30; Sara J. Hulinsky, \$837.00; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$3,716.04; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; Tracker Systems, \$86.98; Verizon Wireless, \$280.07; Wenquist Inc., \$21.98; Bi Weekly Payroll, \$62,849.28; Total, \$172,961.57

City Administrator Dan Knoell informed the Council and Public that the City has received a check from EMC for \$74,482.32 for a partial reimbursement for the Workman's Comp premium. The City received these funds for meeting safety qualifications and having less claims throughout the year. Knoell stated that he feels

like the safety of the City employees has greatly improved and believes that the reimbursement percentage could continue to rise each year.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Baltz, to open a public hearing at 6:11 PM, regarding Ordinance 1260, Amending Mayor and City Council Wages. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Knoell informed the Council that the wage increases will not be in effect until after the November elections. Knoell also explained that the last wage increase was 4 years ago for the Mayor, and 8 to 10 years ago for the City Council. Through discussions with the Custer County Clerk, Constance Gracey, it was discovered that the Custer County Board of Supervisors make \$26,061.54 per year. Mona Weatherly, Custer County Chief Editor, stated that the Custer County Board of Supervisors also gets insurance as well as their pay. Knoell explained that the Mayor will receive \$7,500 per year and the council will receive \$3,500 per year and that does not include any insurance. Knoell also made the recommendation to the Council to waive the two readings and approve Ordinance 1260. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Baltz to close the public hearing at 6:16 PM, regarding Ordinance 1260, Amending Mayor and City Council Wages. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council member Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1260 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA AMENDING SECTION 30.29: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WAGES, REPEALING THE SECTIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on two different days be suspended. Council member Baltz 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, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: Miller. 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 Baltz. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1260 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: Miller. 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.

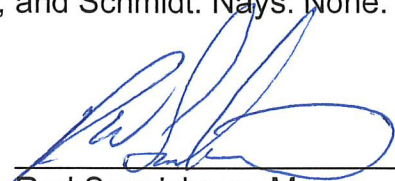
Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:17 PM, regarding Ordinance 1261, Amending 2021-2022 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Knoell informed the Council that the Ordinance will amend the wages for the Mayor and City Council according to Ordinance 1260 and will become effective in the next Fiscal Year. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to close the public hearing at 6:19 PM, regarding Ordinance 1261, Amending 2021-2022 Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council member Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1261 entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE SALARIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; PAY PLAN FOR ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND MONTHLY SALARY OR HOURLY WAGE RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION." 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 Deputy Clerk to call the roll. The Deputy Clerk called the roll, and the following was the vote: Ayes: Schmidt, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: Miller. 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 Myers. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1261 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Schmidt, Myers, and Baltz. Nays: Miller. 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 6:20 PM, regarding Resolution 2022-5, Granting Central Nebraska Economic Development District permission to fill out the Pre-Application for CDBG Funds. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Miller, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Knoell informed the Council and Public that this resolution gives the Central Nebraska Economic Development District authorization to fill out the application and to authorize the Mayor to sign it to receive more funding for street projects in the future. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers to close the public hearing at 6:23 PM, regarding Resolution 2022-5, Granting Central Nebraska Economic Development District permission to fill out the Pre-Application for CDBG Funds. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution 2022-6, KENO Funds. Said Resolution approves the use of KENO Funds to pay for a flagpole at the Paul Brown Baseball Field in the amount of \$17,150. Roll Call vote: Voting Aye: Schmidt, Myers, Baltz, and Miller. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Myers, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:25 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Miller, Myers, Baltz, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Rod Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Megan N. Linn, Deputy Clerk

