Broken Bow City Council Meeting Minutes January 24, 2023

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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 January 19, 2023. 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 pm, with the following Councilmembers present: David Schmidt, David Baltz, and Paul Holland. 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 Baltz to approve the consent agenda for January 24, 2023, with the exception of the claim to the Nebraska Department of Transportation for the full purchase price of the Handi Bus in the amount of \$34,242.00. This item will be postponed to the February 14, 2023, Council Meeting. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2023, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

911 Custom, \$2,050.85; A to Z Lawn Pro, \$1,000.00; Aflac, \$271.08; \$31.50; Alberta Crawley, \$25.67; Beaver Bearing Co Albion, \$104.58; Bloomberg Businessweek, \$116.64; Bon Appetit, \$38.00; Bottom Line Personal, \$99.00; Bound Tree Medical, \$763.82; Broken Bow Fire Department, \$4,000.00; Carquest of Broken Bow, \$130.81; Central Ne Medical Clinic, \$55.00; Century Link, \$974.02; Chuck Drake, \$18.18; City Flex Benefit Plan, \$340.00; City of Broken Bow, Health Insurance, \$2,825.81; City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$1,906.58; \$7,837.60; \$526.23; Colonial Insurance, \$408.27; \$118.72; Consolidated Management Co., \$362.50; Country Living, \$9.99; Custer County Chief, \$1,204.93; Custom Cage Inc., \$1,075.00; EFTPS Online Payment, \$2,398.14; \$6,436.55; \$10,254.16; EZ IT Solutions, \$4,040.94; Family Heritage, \$25.50; Frontier Family Pharmacy, \$358.38; Gary's Super Foods, \$35.05; Gateway Motors Inc, \$230.63; Gene Schnase, \$10.70; Ingram Library Services, \$1,405.82; Island Supply Welding Co., \$60.50; Kully Pipe & Steel, \$325.83; Leroy Lindner, \$64.19; Miller & Associates, \$17,100.00; Myers Construction Co., \$9,065.00; Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, \$433.39; Nebraska Pasture Door, \$152.00; OBrien's Hardware, \$6.16; OCLC Inc., \$147.57; Over Drive, \$500.00; Platte Valley Communications, \$1,122.35; Presto X Company, \$61.02; Quill Corporation, \$251.39; RT Ace, \$503.42; Ranchland Ford, \$654.08; S&L Sanitary Service, \$54.30; Science News, \$99.00; State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, \$3,323.11; Steve Scott, \$57.22; TX Child Support SDU, \$69.23; Taste of Home, \$10.00; Taylor Heating & Cooling LLC, \$374.60; Trotter Service, \$1,104.00; Trotter's Whoa & Go, \$2,255.99;

Universal Insurance, \$1,343.00; Verizon Wireless, \$634.39; Wenquist Inc., \$1,109.55; Bi-Weekly Payroll, \$59,604.52; Total: \$151,976.46.

Owner of Doggett Tree Service Casey Doggett addressed the Council requesting access to the tree dump outside of regular hours in order to accommodate his customer's needs. They discussed that there are two other tree service companies that would utilize this. Mayor Sonnichsen said for insurance purposes they would need to consult with Legal on options. City Administrator Knoell stated they would have to consult with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) before any decisions could be made.

City Administrator Knoell updated the Council with Administrative Communications.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holland, to approve the appointment of Megan Linn as the City Treasurer. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Baltz, to approve the appointment of Madison Neely as the Deputy Clerk. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Baltz, and Schmidt. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holland, to open a public hearing at 6:21 pm regarding Ordinance 1265, 2022-2023 Amended Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. City Administrator Knoell explained to the Council the only changes made to the Wage Ordinance were the Treasurer and Deputy Clerk being switched. Moved by Holland, seconded by Schmidt, to close the public hearing at 6:23 pm regarding Ordinance 1265, 2022-2023 Amended Wage Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Schmidt, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Schmidt introduced Ordinance No. 1265 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 CLASSIFACATIONS WITHIN THE CITY; AND MONTHLY SALARY OR HOURLY WAGE RANGES FOR EACH INDIVIUAL CLASSIFACATION". and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on the final reading be suspended. Councilmember Baltz 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: Schmidt, Baltz, and Holland. 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 Councilmember Holland moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Baltz. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1265 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Holland, Baltz, and Schmidt. 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 approve the appointment of Paul Holland to serve on the Housing Authority Board with a term ending February of 2028. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt and Baltz. Nays: None. Abstain: Holland. Motion carried.

Moved by Baltz, seconded by Holland, to approve the appointment of Rachel Schmidt to serve on the Library Board with a term ending February of 2026. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland and Baltz. Nays: None. Abstain: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holland, to open a public hearing at 6:25 pm regarding Ordinance 1266, Replat of Parcels: Sec 28-17-20 Par in SE1/4 12.91 acres Broken Bow City, Custer County. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Holland, to close the public hearing at 6:29 pm regarding Ordinance 1266, Replat of Parcels: Sec 28-17-20 Par in SE1/4 12.91 acres Broken Bow City, Custer County. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Schmidt, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Schmidt, to not waive the three readings of Ordinance 1266, Replat of Parcels: Sec 28-17-20 Par in SE1/4 12.91 acres Broken Bow City, Custer County, to allow the public an opportunity to get informed on the replat. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Schmidt, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Knoell read the first reading of Ordinance 1266, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE THE REPLAT OF PARCELS: SEC 28-17-20 PAR IN SE1/4 12.91 ACRES BROKEN BOW CITY, CUSTER COUNTY NEBRASKA, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:32 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Schmidt, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kandi/K. Peters, City Clerk