

**Broken Bow City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2023**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 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 October 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: Chris Myers, Paul Holland, and Russ Smith. 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 Smith, seconded by Holland to approve the consent agenda for October 24, 2023. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the October 10, 2023, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Holland, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In other Communications, Broken Bow Public Schools Superintendent Darren Tobey addressed the Mayor and Council on the potential School Bond. Tobey highlighted four areas of concern in their current school that include safety, agriculture, automotive, woods, fine arts, and the science rooms. Mayor Sonnichsen stated that this affects all citizens and encourages everyone to take a look at the school.

AFLAC, PRE TAX, \$489.71; AFLAC POST TAX, \$76.32; BT XPRSS, TRANSMISSION JACK RENTAL, \$100.00; BEAVER BEARING CO ALBION, MERRY-GO-ROUND, \$492.86; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$199.00; BOB'S TRUCK REPAIR, FUEL TANK VALVES, \$54.16; CARD SERVICES, TABLETS & BANDAGES, \$1,034.76; TRAINING & SAFETY/GROUND MAINTENANCE, \$1,389.94; SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, \$423.88; EMI EXPENSES, FUEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES, \$815.54; CARQUEST OF BROKEN BOW, MAINT REPAIR EQUIPMENT, \$558.31; CECIL BURT INC., WINDOW REPAIR BLUE BUILDING, \$43.60; CENGAGE LEARNING, GALE, DATABASES, CHILTON LIBRARY, \$334.10; CENTRAL NE MEDICAL CLINIC, DRUG TEST, \$323.00; CITY FLEX BENEFIT PLAN, SELECT FLEX UNREIMBURSED M/D/V, \$145.00; CITY OF BROKEN BOW HEALTH INSURANCE, \$3,551.30; CITY OF BROKEN BOW PENSION FUND, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT, \$1,902.28; 414H

RETIREMENT, \$8,626.66; 457 RETIREMENT, \$802.83; COLONIAL INSURANCE, PRE TAX, \$381.18; COLONIAL LIFE POST TAX, \$305.79; CRIMINAL ADDICTION INC., TRAINING (405-407), \$500.00; CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF, PUBLICATIONS, HELP WANTED, \$1,388.69; DAVE DUNKEL, BOOTS, \$160.49; EFTPS ONLINE PAYMENT, MEDICARE, \$2,618.30; FEDERAL, \$7,124.09; FICA, \$11,195.46; EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES, \$35.35; COPIER LEASE, SUPPLIES, \$7,575.00; EGGLESTON OIL, DIESEL, \$50.02; FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES, VARIANCE FILING FEE, \$659.70; FAMILY HERITAGE, FAMILY HERITAGE, \$25.50; \$51.00; FRONTIER FAMILY PHARMACY, SUPPLIES, \$16.08; FYR-TEK, MAINT REPAIR, \$4,218.70; GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, TELEPHONE, INTERNET 6 MONTHS OF SERVICE, \$893.88; HOMETOWN LEASING, TOOL CAT LEASE, \$6,500.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, MATERIALS, \$2,250.68; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO., OXYGEN, \$64.55; JEO, EAGLE CREST SUBDIVISION WATER & SANITARY EXTENSIONS, \$13,720.00; JACOB HOLCOMB, CUSTER COUNTY PAMIDA LOT SPLIT, \$10.00; JENNIFER WATERHOUSE, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT, \$104.80; KANDI PETERS, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT, \$104.80; LIBRARY JOURNAL, MATERIALS, \$99.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, ARGON REFILL, \$189.80; MEAD LUMBER, \$1,677.54; MELHAM MEDICAL CENTER, TB TEST, \$89.03; MT. CUSTER TRUCK SALES, TRUCK PARTS, \$465.85; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT-NE, \$433.39; NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION, NEBRASKA OVERDRIVE, \$500.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, WIPER BLADES, \$29.98; POWER SOLUTIONS, REPAIRS TO ENGINE 32, \$472.59; PRESTO X COMPANY, MONTHLY SERVICE, \$65.90; PREVENTION, MATERIALS, \$48.00; RT ACE, EQUIPMENT PURCHASE REPAIR, GROUND MAINT, \$817.85; RANCHLAND FORD, OIL CHANGE, 2023 740, \$67.92; RYAN BOWLAND, BOOTS, \$106.99; SPORTS ILLUSTRATED, MATERIALS, \$68.00; STATE INCOME TAX WH NE ONLINE PAYMENT, STATE, \$3,677.40; STEVE SCOTT, POSTAGE, FUEL, HEADLIGHT, MEALS, \$73.52; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU, CHILD SUPPORT TX, \$69.23; TASTE OF HOME, MATERIALS, \$45.80; THE NEW YORKER, MATERIALS, \$169.99; TROTTER SERVICE, FUEL, \$50.42; FUEL TANK, TUBE, CLUTCH KIT, \$4,789.00; TROTTER'S WHOA & GO, FUEL, \$184.37; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO, HERBECIDES, \$1,404.50; VERIZON WIRELESS, TELEPHONE, \$324.67; WENQUIST INC., EQUIPMENT REPAIR, \$827.56; BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL, \$64,674.74; TOTAL: \$162,740.35.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holland to elect Councilmember Russ Smith as City Council President. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Myers, to approve Resolution 2023-15, Appointment to MEAN Board of Directors. Said Resolution approves Electrical Superintendent Blake Waldow to serve as Director to the MEAN Board of

Directors and City Administrator David Schmidt to serve as the Alternative Director. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith, to open a public hearing at 6:11 pm regarding Resolution 2023-16, One- and Six-Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Smith, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Administrator Schmidt stated there were no changes made to the proposal. Schmidt noted the updated prices for these projects and stated the Memorial Drive update was the most recently completed project. Moved by Myers, seconded by Smith, to close a public hearing at 6:13 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Smith, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Moved by Myers, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2023-16, One- and Six-Year Plan. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Smith, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Myers, to open a public hearing at 6:14 pm regarding Ordinance 1274, No Parking. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Smith, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Administrator Schmidt stated the no parking would be on the east side of South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue between South E and South G. Schmidt noted that there was already no parking on the west side of this street. The Mayor stated with only having one way in and out for our Emergency Services, having no parking on both sides of the street will ensure them to have had much room as possible. Moved by Myers, seconded by Holland, to close a public hearing at 6:17 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Holland introduced Ordinance No. 1274 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BETWEEN SOUTH E STREET AND SOUTH G STREET, IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA IS PROHIBITED, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTED DATE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Smith 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: Holland, Smith, and Myers. 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 Smith moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. The Mayor asked the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1274 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Holland, 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.


Chief of Police Steve Scott presented the official pinning of Police Captain Christopher Anderson. Chief Scott stated that Captain Anderson started in law enforcement 14 years ago and has been serving with the City of Broken Bow Police Department since 2019.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Smith, to accept the appointment of Officer David Baltz to the Broken Bow Police Department. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Smith, and Holland. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

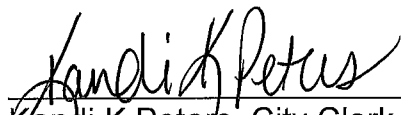
City Attorney Jason White administered the Police Officer Oath to Officer David Baltz.

In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen congratulated Captain Anderson and Officer Baltz. Mayor Sonnichsen informed the community that the Handi Bus is now up and running.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:26 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

  
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Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Kandi K Peters, City Clerk