

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2023**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 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 5, 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 Baltz, Paul Holland, and Russ Smith. 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 Holland, seconded by Baltz, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Baltz, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Baltz to approve the consent agenda for October 10, 2023. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the September 26, 2023, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Baltz, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS EQUIPMENT, \$1,541.38; AKRS EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, \$16,758.54; ACEK9, WATCH DOG SERVICE 403 UNIT, \$168.00; AFLAC, PRE TAX, \$282.80; AFLAC POST TAX, \$38.52; DAVE AFLAC, AUG, \$100.53; JULY, \$67.02; JUNE, \$23.96; DAN FINAL AFLAC, \$489.24; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$193.23; BOUND TREE MEDICAL, EMS SUPPLIES, \$270.36; BRITTIANY ROZMAN, TRAINING MILEAGE, \$265.94; BROKEN BOW MUN UTILITIES, SEWER LIFT STATION PAYMENT, \$14,873.08; BROKEN BOW RURAL FIRE BOARD, FIRE STATION PAYMENT, \$97,557.77; CAPITAL ONE, TRAINING, MEETING, SUPPLIES, \$2,352.15; CARD SERVICES, POOL REPAIRS, SPRAYER PARTS, GAS, \$1,623.26; POOL REPAIR, FIRST AID SUPPLIES, POOL WRIST BANDS, MOWER OIL, \$3,201.95; SUPPLIES, \$386.06; FLAG, \$309.00; CREDIT CARD CHARGES, \$1,366.89; LIFEPAK, \$14,794.00; COAST BIO-MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT, \$388.52; SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FOOD FOR BUDGET MEETING, \$1,073.65; BOOTS, SUPPLIES, \$191.36; CAMERAS, \$1,702.45; EMI TRAINING MEETING EXPENSE, SUPPLIES, \$1,555.80; EMI TRAINING, OIL FOR ADMIN CAR, \$710.33; CARROLL CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY, SHOP TOOLS, \$6,915.00; CENTRAL NEBRASKA BOBCAT NP, EQUIPMENT RENTAL, \$1,050.00; CENTURY LINK, \$308.19; \$973.60; CHRIS ANDERSON, SAM EXAM, TRAINING MEETING EXPENSE, \$195.40; CITY FLEX BENEFIT PLAN, SELECT FLEX, UNREIMBURSED M/D/V, \$145.00; CITY OF BROKEN BOW, HEALTH INSURANCE, \$3,242.70; CITY OF BROKEN BOW PENSION FUND, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT, \$1,902.28; 414H RETIREMENT, \$7,871.30; 457 RETIREMENT, \$772.90; COLONIAL INSURANCE, PRE TAX, \$428.67; COLONIAL LIFE POST TAX, \$118.72; CUSTER COUNTY CHIEF, \$1,374.13; CUSTER TITLE AND

ABSTRACT, TITLE SEARCH, \$100.00; DEMCO, SUPPLIES, \$92.42; DETERDINGS, \$2,812.92; EFTPS ONLINE PAYMENT, MEDICARE, \$2,393.32; FEDERAL, \$6,286.04; FICA, \$10,233.52; EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS, COPIER MAINTENANCE, SUPPLIES, \$288.93; COPIES, \$193.80; FAMILY HANDYMAN, BOOK MATERIALS, \$19.14; FAMILY HERITAGE, FAMILY HERITAGE, \$25.50; \$51.00; HAMILTON SALES AND SERVICE LLC, TIRE MACHINE, \$4,600.00; HARSCO ENVIROMENTAL, BLASTING MEDIA, \$7,574.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, MATERIALS BOOKS, DVD, AUDIO BOOKS, \$1,909.53; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO., OXYGEN, \$78.85; JEO, \$2,911.25; JEFFRES SAND AND GRAVEL, PEA ROCK, RIP RAP, \$16,581.58; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE, \$6,636.19; KIMBERLY BLACKBURN, TRAVEL AND MEETING, \$83.84; REIMBURSEMENT, \$38.30; KIRKPATRICK CLEANING SOLUTIONS, AUDITORIUM CLEANING, SUPPLIES, \$651.30; MARTEN HEATING & AIR, MAINT REPAIR BUILDING, \$2,928.82; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC, SHOP TOOLS, \$159.80; MATT FRIEND, SALT SPREADER CHAIN, \$1,468.42; MEAD LUMBER, COUNCIL CHAMBER REMODEL, STREET CONSTRUCTION, \$884.53; MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, TESTING RECHARGING, \$112.00; NATIONAL BAND AND TAG COMPANY, \$69.74; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT, NE, \$433.39; NEBRASKA PASTURE DOOR, T-SHIRTS FOR NEW OFFICERS, \$58.00; OFFICE CLOTHING, \$79.47; OVER DRIVE, MATERIALS, \$1,700.00; PAULSEN INC, CONCRETE, \$19,000.00; POSITIVE CONCEPTS, THERMAL PAPER, \$210.00; PRESTO X COMPANY, MONTHLY SERVICE, \$65.90; PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES, EVALUATIONS FOR APPLICANTS, \$600.00; QUILL CORPORATION, SUPPLIES, \$173.54; RT ACE, WEED EATER, \$489.99; AIR COUPLER, \$7.99; HOSE, \$65.98; REAMS, SPRINKLER REPAIR, \$444.54; SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC, FIRE HELMET, \$369.38; SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY, TURF SEED SPREADER, \$2,876.29; SMARTSIGN, SIGNAGE, \$598.56; STATE INCOME TAX WH NE ONLINE PAYMENT, STATE, \$3,206.86; STEVE SCOTT, POSTAGE AND SUPPLIES, \$21.50; TSYS MERCHANT SOLUTIONS, \$223.66; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU CHILD SUPPORT, TX, \$69.23; TRUSTED MEDIA BRANDS, INC, MATERIALS, \$41.71; UNIVERSAL INSURANCE, 2023-2024 INSURANCE, \$171,169.00; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO SERVICE CHARGE, \$27.56; VERIZON WIRELESS, TELEPHONE, \$324.55; WENQUIST INC, \$269.00; BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL, \$62,985.90; \$59,451.55; TOTAL: \$581,731.97.

Moved by Baltz, seconded by Holland to approve the appointment of Christopher Leibert as a Broken Bow Police Officer. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Baltz, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator David Schmidt administered the Police Officer Oath to Officer Christopher Leibert.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to approve the appointment of Kathy Salts to the Broken Bow Housing Authority for a term ending October 2028.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith, to approve the Agreement Regarding Renewable Energy Certificate Management Services between the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN), and the City of Broken Bow. Electric Superintendent Blake Waldow explained to the Council that there were no changes. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Smith, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Smith, seconded by Baltz, to open a public hearing at 6:08 pm regarding Ordinance 1273, Amending the Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Baltz, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Zoning Administrator Jacob Holcomb explained that the Custer Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) submitted an application to rezone all of Block Eighteen (1) in J.P. Gandy Addition in the City of Broken Bow, Custer County, Nebraska from Residential Single (R-1) to Residential Single and Multifamily (R-2). This is the location where the old Custer Public School used to be. Holcomb stated that the Planning Commission gave their recommendation to proceed. Mayor Sonnichsen explained that this change would allow a greater opportunity for more housing. If the Council would choose to approve this change Mayor Sonnichsen highly recommended waiving the three readings to keep things moving forward. Moved by Holland, seconded by Baltz, to close a public hearing at 6:12 pm regarding Ordinance 1273, Amending the Zoning Ordinance. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, Baltz, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

After discussing the matter, Councilmember Smith introduced Ordinance No. 1273 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, REPEALING ALL SECTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Holland 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: Smith, Holland, 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 Councilmember Smith moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Holland. The Mayor stated the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1273 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Holland, 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.

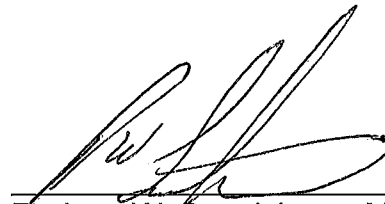
Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to accept the resignation of West Ward Councilmember David Baltz effective after the end of the meeting. Baltz stated he was honored to be able to serve on the Council for the last couple years. He is pursuing a career in law enforcement. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith and Holland. Nays: None. Abstain: Baltz. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to approve the Declaration of Vacancy for the West Ward Councilmember of the City of Broken Bow, Custer County, Nebraska, effective October 10, 2023, which term shall end December 31, 2024. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Holland, and Baltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

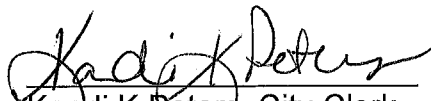
In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen congratulated Officer Christopher Leibert and David Baltz for choosing law enforcement. Councilmember Baltz said he

appreciated his time as a Councilmember and thanked the Mayor, Council, and City Staff for everything.

Moved by Baltz, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:16 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Baltz, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.


Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kandi K Peters, City Clerk

