

**Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 28, 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 November 23, 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: Russ Smith, Luke Wassom, and Chris Myers. Absent: Paul Holland. 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 Myers to excuse the absence of Councilmember Holland. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda for November 28, 2023. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 14, 2023, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AFLAC, PRE TAX AFLAC, \$489.71; AFLAC POST TAX, \$76.32; AXON ENTERPRISE INC, TASER PAYMENT, \$4,320.00; BLACK HILLS ENERGY, \$250.34; BOW FAMILY FURNITURE, CARPET NEW OFFICE, \$359.59; CARD SERVICES, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, \$617.57, TOOLS, STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINT OF BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT, \$1127.46, OFFICE SUPPLIES/ FUEL, \$544.82; CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM, TRAINING KIM AND MEGAN, \$50.00; CENTURY LINK, \$1,525.44; CITY FLEX BENEFIT PLAN, SELECT FLEX-UNREIMBURSED M/D/V, \$145.00; CITY OF BROKEN BOW, HEALTH INSURANCE, \$3,705.60; CITY OF BROKEN BOW PENSION FUND, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT, \$1,669.36; 414H RETIREMENT, \$9,486.98; 457 RETIREMENT, \$840.33; COLONIAL INSURANCE, COLONIAL LIFE PRE TAX, \$381.18; COLONIAL LIFE POST TAX, \$306.71, DEMCO, SUPPLIES, FILAMENT TAPE, BOOK JACKETS, \$101.17; EFTPS ONLINE PAYMENT, 1ST QTR TAXES, \$384.43; MEDICARE, \$2,718.94; FEDERAL, \$7,285.05; FICA, \$11,625.74; EZ IT SOLUTIONS,

DESKTOP (401) AND SWITCH, \$1,216.00; EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS, COPIER MAINT/EXPENSE AND SUPPLIES, \$402.79; FAMILY HANDYMAN, MATERIALS, \$56.57; FAMILY HERITAGE \$51.00; FAMILY HERITAGE, \$25.50; GREG KRUEGER & ASSOCATES, SUPPLIES, \$431.39; HEARTLAND CLERK'S ASSOCIATION, SHIRTS, ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES, \$72.00; INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES-MATERIALS, \$2,180.01; INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER, 6 STREAM LIGHT BATTERY, \$140.25; KELLIE CROWELL, TRAINING, \$600.00; KIM BLACKBURN, TRAVEL AND MEETING, \$83.19; KULLY PIPE & STEEL, EQUIPMENT REPAIR/GROUNDS MAINT, \$2,988.82; MEGAN SVOBODA, TRAVEL & MEETING, \$146.72; MELHAM WELLNESS CENTER, EMPLOYEE MEMBERSHIPS, \$3,973.00; MYERS CONSTRUCTION CO, ROAD STREET CONSTRUCTION, \$647.84; NEBRASKA LIFE MAGAZINE, MATERIALS, \$52.00; NMC EXCHANGE LLC, EQUIP REPAIR, \$678.09; NE CHILD SUPPORT CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT, \$433.39; NEBRASKA LAND MAGAZINE, MATERIALS, \$44.00; RT ACE, VELCRO STRAP, \$4.99; RANCHLAND FORD, OIL CHANGE, \$63.50; STATE INCOME TAX WH NE, ONLINE PAYMENT, STATE, \$3,799.40; STEVE SCOTT, FUEL REIMBURSEMENT 407 AND SUPPLIES, \$94.61; TX CHILD SUPPORT SDU, CHILD SUPPORT, TX, \$69.23; TROTTER SERVICE, FUEL, \$2,229.91; DIESEL, \$60.26; FUEL, \$227.07; TROTTER'S WHOA & GO, DIESEL, UNLEADED, \$178.21; FUEL, \$184.95; UNITECH, MAINT GROUNDS, \$440.00; VERIZON WIRELESS, TELEPHONE, \$227.37; TELEPHONE, \$497.76; BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL, \$67,359.89; TOTAL: \$137,671.45.

In other Communications, Broken Bow Fire Chief Dustin Watson and Electric Superintendent Blake Waldow addressed the Mayor and Council regarding winter fire safety. Chief Watson discussed safe practices for using heaters and fireplaces and highlighted the importance of smoke alarms and evacuation plans. Waldo continued the discussion by focusing on eliminating potential electrical hazards, having backup plans for outages, and encouraging citizens to report any instances of tree limbs rubbing on power lines. Mayor Sonnichsen thanked the media for their help in spreading the word about winter fire safety.

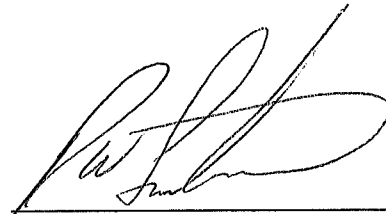
Moved by Smith, seconded by Wassom to accept the 2023-2024 snow removal bid from Myers Construction. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith and Wassom. Nays: None. Abstain Myers. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Wassom, to approve cancelling the City Council Meeting that was to be held December 26, 2023. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Myers, to approve Resolution 2023-18. Said resolution approves the authorization of paying the regular bills that would have been paid at the December 26, 2023, City Council Meeting. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

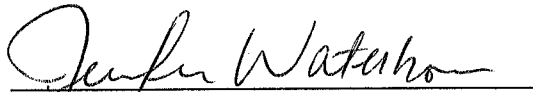
In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen thanked the Chamber for organizing a successful Festival of Lights event that drew large crowds. He also acknowledged that December 29, 2023, is Kandi Peters's last day and wanted to publicly thank her for everything she has done for the City during her time as City Clerk.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Wassom, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:14 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Waterhouse", written over a horizontal line.
Jennifer Waterhouse, Treasurer