

**Broken Bow City  
Council  
Meeting Minutes  
December 12, 2023**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the Broken Bow Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by law. 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, and Paul Holland. Absent: Chris Myers, and Luke Wassom. 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 excuse the absence of Councilmembers Myers and Wassom. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda for December 12, 2023. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 28th, 2023, Council Meeting, bills to date, and the Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

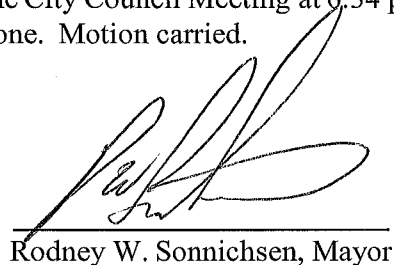
Aflac \$67.02, \$489.71, \$76.32, Baxter Welding \$6,000.00, Beaver Bearing Co Albion \$235.13, Bound Tree Medical \$189.96, Bow Family Furniture \$257.72, Broken Bow Area Rotary \$453.69, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$1780.00, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$5,656.18, Broken Bow Postmaster \$186.00, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board \$505.63, Bruning State Bank \$9,429.65, Capital One \$2,468.45, Carquest of Broken Bow \$16.32, Carroll Construction Supply \$1252.45, City Flex Benefit Plan \$145.00, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance \$4,014.20, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$1,677.20, \$9,693.00, \$831.74, Colonial Insurance \$535.96, \$381.18, \$306.71, Custer County Highway Dept. \$842.40, Custer Public Power \$53.08, EFTPS Online Payment \$2,768.80, \$7,463.65, \$11,838.90, EZ IT Solutions \$2,765.00, Eakes Office Products \$439.63, Eggleston Oil \$1,881.90, Family Heritage \$25.50, Freedom Munitions \$699.14, Frontwater Engineering \$225.00, Great Plains Communications \$70.95, Grocery Kart \$156.30, Hometown Leasing \$233.30, JEO \$372.50, \$4,000.00, \$2,768.75, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$676.00, Kully Pipe & Steel \$2,988.82, MacQueen Equipment \$481.16, Matt Friend \$8,100.00, Melham Wellness Center \$137.00, Michael Todd & Co \$355.46, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$433.39, Platte Valley Communications \$550.00, Police Chief Assn of Nebraska \$60.00, Police Officers Assn of Nebraska \$96.00, RT Ace \$6.59, \$1,133.77, \$2.34, \$105.69, Ranchland Ford \$132.58, Rion \$2,458.53, S&L Sanitary Service \$54.30, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,000.00, Stable Productions Exotic Animal Ranch \$1,500.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,898.78, TX Child Support SDU \$69.23, Titan Machinery-Lexington \$377.05, Verizon Wireless \$315.61, Wenquist Inc. \$121.72, \$65.23, Bi-Weekly Payroll \$68,567.74 Total - \$178,941.01

Discussion was held on potentially approving a shared equipment and services interlocal agreement between the City of Broken Bow and Custer County. City Administrator Schmidt stated the spirit of the agreement has not changed outside of minor word changes. Mayor Sonnichsen stated that Custer County would like to make the agreement indefinite unless one party needs to make changes. City Attorney White also confirmed the agreement has been around for decades with minor edits being made over the years. At the end of discussion, moved by Holland, seconded by Smith, to approve the interlocal agreement with the Broken Bow Township. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on potentially approving a partnership between the City of Broken Bow and Al Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services. City Administrator Schmidt stated that new city staff members have reached obstacles that Mr. Vacanti can help overcome. Additionally, Administrator Schmidt said that Mr. Vacanti will help teach and grow the skill sets of city employees. Al Vacanti addressed the Mayor and Council and listed ways he can help the City of Broken Bow during this time of transition. At the end of discussion, moved by Holland, seconded by Smith, to approve the partnership between the City of Broken Bow and Vacanti Municipal Consulting Services. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

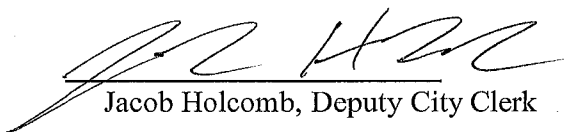
In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen thanked the city staff, Mr. Vacanti, Broken Bow Chamber, and the media for attending. Mayor Sonnichsen encouraged everyone to be safe over the Holidays.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:34 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, and Holland, Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jacob Holcomb, Deputy City Clerk