

**Broken Bow City
Council
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024**

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 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, Chris Myers, and Paul Holland. Absent: 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 Myers, to excuse the absence of Councilmember Luke Wassom. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Myers and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holland to approve the consent agenda for January 9th, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the December 12th, 2023, Council Meeting, and bills to date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Myers, Holland, and Smith. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Akrs Equipment \$1,266.21, Aflac \$477.41, \$113.82, Beaver Bearing Co \$53.33, Bound Tree Medical \$916.78, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$2895.00, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$7,275.27, Capital One \$53.48, Card Services \$321.61, \$117.04, \$27.77, \$9,860.25, Carroll Construction Supply \$1,376.28, Century Link \$533.54, \$391.14, Chris Leibert \$74.06, City Flex Benefit Plan \$225.00, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance \$4,124.71, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,278.07, \$9,386.02, \$866.97, Colonial Insurance \$410.31, \$323.28, Custer Public Power \$62.92, Custer Transfer Station \$12.00, Dept Correctional SVCS \$650.00, EFTPS Online Payment 3rd Quarter Taxes \$1,711.38, Medicare \$2,816.42, Federal \$7,600.55, FICA \$12,042.56, EZ IT Solutions \$2,765.00, Eakes Office Products \$126.79, Evans Feed Co. \$4.20, Family Heritage \$25.50, Great Plains Communications \$70.95, Hometown Leasing \$116.65, Justice Data Solutions, Inc. \$2,125.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$853.00, MacQueen Equipment \$971.54, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$899.09, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, Platte Valley Communications \$95.00, RT Ace \$7.59, \$59.74, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,000.00, State Income Tax \$4,009.65, TX Child Support SDU \$161.54, Titan Machinery-Lexington \$356.05, Titan Machinery-North Platte \$8,890.80, Tracker Systems \$67.96, Universal Insurance \$2,029.00, Verizon Wireless \$400.10, Wenquist Inc. \$332.33, Bi-Weekly Payroll \$68, 742.06 Total - \$164,417.72

In other communications, Deb McCaslin gave a presentation about the TeamMates mentoring program. Deb explained that TeamMates will be launched into the elementary school starting with 3rd grade students this semester. Previously this program was offered to students 6th through 12th grade. Deb also stated that there will be a question-and-answer session for anyone interested in the program at 12:00 PM January 17th, 2024, at the Hospital community board room. There will be an additional session at 5:30 PM on January 17th at the Broken Bow Library. Deb encourages anyone

interested in the program to attend one of these information sessions. Mayor Sonnichsen thanked Deb for always going the extra mile for the youth in our community.

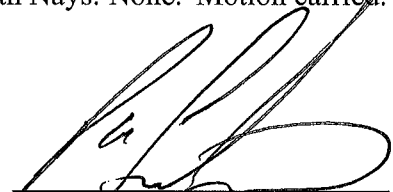
Under new business, Council postponed the consideration of entering into an agreement with the Olson Group as a health insurance broker to the February 13th, 2024, city council meeting. Olson Group representatives were not able to attend the meeting due to inclement weather conditions. At the end of discussion, moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to postpone considering entering a partnership between the City of Broken Bow and the Olson Group to February 13th, 2024. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Holland, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Myers to approve City Administrator Dave Schmidt as Floodplain Administrator for the city of Broken Bow. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland to approve Deputy City Clerk Jacob Holcomb as Co-Floodplain Administrator for the city of Broken Bow. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Holland, and Myers. Nays: None. Motion carried.

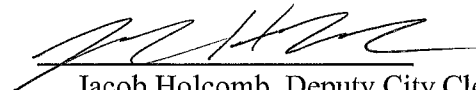
In the Mayor and Council Comments, City Administrator Dave Schimdt gave an update on snow removal. Administrator Schmidt stated that the snow removal crew started at 3:00 AM and they were still working at 6:15 PM. Schmidt also thanked the city staff for their hard work and dedication to the community during the past few storms. Additionally, Administrator Schmidt thanked the media for getting important weather updates out to the public. Council President Russ Smith thanked Norm and Deb McCaslin for what they do in our community. Council President Smith also complemented the snow removal crew.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 6:20 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Myers, and Holland, and Smith Nays: None. Motion carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jacob Holcomb, Deputy City Clerk