

Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes March 12th, 2024

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, in the Broken Bow Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance as required by Nebraska statutes. 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, Chris Myers, and Paul Holland. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the open meetings law, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sonnichsen read the format for submitting requests for future agenda items.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda for March 12, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the February 27, 2024, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Official Roster, Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Officers, and Broken Bow Ambulance Service Official Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac \$477.41, \$157.00, \$67.02, Baxter Welding \$230.00, Bound Tree Medical \$2,215.76, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$1,800.00, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$7,867.70, Card Services 0609 \$318.15, \$690.82, \$5,337.99, Carquest of Broken Bow \$66.97, Carroll Construction Supply \$255.00, City Flex Benefit Plan \$225.00, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$4,124.71, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,278.07, \$9,295.14, \$1,029.64, \$250.00, Colonial Insurance \$389.90, \$323.28, \$540.56, Consolidated Management Co. \$231.50, Credit Management Services \$53.14, Culligan Water Conditioning \$49.00, Custer County Chief \$350.40, Custer Public Power \$52.77, EFTPS Online Payment \$2,698.98, \$6,894.68, \$1,1540.30, EZ IT Solutions \$14.40, \$2,765.00, \$2.50, \$2,520.00, Eakes Office Products \$94.28, Family Heritage \$25.50, Great Plains Communications \$80.89, Island Glass Company \$80.00, JEO \$4,006.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$266.85, \$185.00, Kully Pipe & Steel \$376.38, La Quinta \$439.80, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc \$166.89, Mead Lumber \$18.75, Mid Plains Community College \$1,440.00, NDEE \$40.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$899.09, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$34.99, OBrien's Hardware \$33.10, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, RT Ace, LLC \$37.14, \$56.73, \$3.99, \$578.29, S&L Sanitary Service \$54.30, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,000.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,475.77, Statewide Collection LLC \$2.77, Steve Scott \$68.74, TX Child Support SDU \$161.54, Title Services of the Plains, LLC \$150.00, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Verizon Wireless \$320.08, Bi-Weekly Payroll \$65,851.48, Total - \$147,960.13

Under new business, discussion was held on potentially approving street closings for the Nebraska Rod and Custom Association Tour on June 2nd, 2024, from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mayor Sonnichsen stated that approximately 440 participants have registered, and they will be parking into two areas according to the color of their tickets. The street closures will include South C St. between South 7th & South 8th Ave., and between South 9th and South 10th Ave, South D St. from South 7th to South 10th Ave, South 8th Ave. from South C St. to South E St and South 9th Ave. from South C St. to South E St. At the end of discussion, moved by Myers, seconded by Holland to approve the street closings. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wassom to open a public hearing at 6:07 pm regarding Ordinance 1278, Handicap Parking stall. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Mayor Sonnichsen noted that the proposed stall will be located in the Northeast corner of South 8th Ave and South C Street in the North bound lane of South 8th Street. It is the last stall on the corner with a handicap ramp located directly to the left of the stall. Police Chief Scott stated that a local business had approached him stating that their elderly

patrons must step up over the curb and feel that a designated handicapped parking stall on the end would give them direct access to the business. Moved by Holland, seconded by Myers to close public hearing at 6:11 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

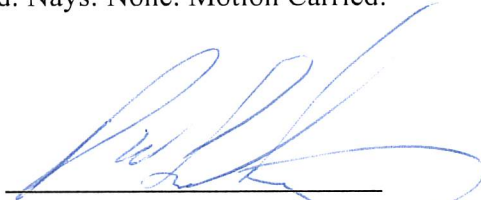
After discussing the matter, Councilmember Smith introduced Ordinance No. 1278 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PLACING OF A DESIGNATED "HANDICAP PARKING" SPACE, IN THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, CUSTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE." and moved that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Councilmember Wassom seconded the motion. The Mayor stated the motion and instructed the Treasurer to call the roll. The Treasurer called the roll, and the following was the vote: Ayes: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. 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 the consideration of said Ordinance. Said Ordinance was then read by title and thereafter Councilmember Holland moved for final passage of the Ordinance, which motion was seconded by Councilmember Smith. The Mayor asked the question, "Shall Ordinance No. 1278 be passed and adopted?" Upon roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. 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 Myers, seconded by Holland to approve the Street Closing, giving temporary authority until June 1st, 2024, to the City Administrator to close South C St. between South 9th and South 10th Ave and the adjacent sidewalk, on an "as needed" basis to facilitate the upcoming Municipal Building roof replacement. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Myers to accept the mayoral appointment of Jennifer Waterhouse to the position of Broken Bow City Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen announced that a committee consisting of three citizen volunteers, the City Administrator, the City Attorney, and himself, has been formed to address procedures, laws, and issues regarding mobile food vendors. The committee will meet soon, and as progress happens, information will be relayed through the City Administrator to the City Council. Mona Weatherly, managing editor of the Custer County Chief, also expressed thanks to the Emergency Responders who met with her regarding the Broken Bow Advanced Life Savings services and encourages citizens to pick up a copy of the paper to read the article.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Wassom, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:17 PM. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.


Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk

