

Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes March 26th, 2024

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26th, 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, and Paul Holland. Absent: Chris Myers. 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 Smith, seconded by Wassom to approve the consent agenda for March 26, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac \$ 477.41, \$157.00, Al's Lock & Safe Inc \$5,632.50, Black Hills Energy \$1,073.98, Booklist \$184.95, Bound Tree Medical \$219.00, \$66.66, \$17.48, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Capital One \$1,623.01, Card Services \$4,834, \$1,177.24, Card Services 0591 \$1,266.33, Carquest of Broken Bow \$9.51, \$133.66, Central Nebraska Bobcat \$530.45, Century Link \$474.10, \$308.43, Century Link \$132.23, Century Link \$70.18, City Flex Benefit Plan \$225.00, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance \$4,124.71, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,278.07, \$9,597.20, \$1,052.31, Colonial Insurance \$389.90, \$323.28, Consolidated Management Co. \$266.30, Custer County Chief \$45.39, Custer County Treasurer \$17,822.97, Demco \$138.22, EFTPS Online Payment \$2,686.74, \$6,836.69, \$11,488.02, Eakes Office Solutions \$170.11, \$12.41, \$157.43, Family Heritage \$25.50, Frontier Family Pharmacy \$741.00, Great Plains Communications \$246.67, Hometown Leasing \$116.65, Ingram Library Services \$1,863.28, Insurance Aid Services \$1,969.87, Kim Blackburn \$87.10, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc \$128.00, Mead Lumber \$4.00, Myers Construction Co \$2,366.58, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$899.09, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center \$75.00, Presto X Company \$65.90, RT Ace, LLC \$9.99, RT Ace, LLC \$103.17, Ranchland Ford \$8,496.10, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,455.58, Statewide Collection LLC \$2.77, Steve Scott \$54.64, TX Child Support SDU \$161.54, Trotter Service \$863.71, Trotter Service \$112.22, Trotter Service \$62.24, Trotter Service \$302.64, Trotter's Whoa & Go \$251.17, \$363.14, Trotter's Whoa & Go West BB \$188.01, Bi-Weekly Payroll \$65,593.19, Total - \$160,860.95

Moved by Wassom, seconded by Holland, to excuse the absence of councilmember Myers. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In other Communications, Tanya Storer, Candidate for Nebraska Legislature District 43 addressed the Mayor and Council by introducing herself and giving an overview of her agricultural and public service background. Mrs. Storer noted that she was encouraged by what Broken Bow is doing in the county and stated that others around the state are noticing as well. She also answered questions from the Council on various topics including the EPIC Option tax, tax reform, rural housing, and redistricting.

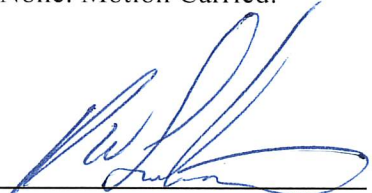
Broken Bow Library Director, Megan Svoboda announced new library hours starting on April 1, 2024. The hours will be shifting by a half hour and will now be open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Mayor Sonnichsen and Administrator Schmidt both commended Svoboda and the Library Board for doing the research to determine the time frame that would allow more citizens access to the library and providing these services to the public.

The Mayor and Council also congratulated the Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department for being awarded the Nonprofit Organization of the Year at the Chamber's Awards Banquet on March 16th.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland to approve the appointment of Timothy Moran to the Broken Bow Housing Authority for a term ending January 1, 2027. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In the Mayor and Council Comments, Mayor Sonnichsen commended the city employees for their long hours and dedication during the latest snowstorm.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wassom, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:29 PM. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.


Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk