

**Broken Bow City Council  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 1st, 2024**

The Broken Bow City Council met in special session on Thursday, August 1st, 2024, in the Broken Bow Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by law by posting in three public places: Broken Bow Municipal Building, Broken Bow Post Office, and the Custer County Courthouse. Availability of the agenda and related materials was communicated in the advance 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 12:00 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 Act, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Wassom, seconded by Holland to approve the consent agenda for August 1, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the July 23, 2024, Council Meeting. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Under new business, moved by Smith, seconded by Wassom to approve the temporary closing of the intersection of North 9<sup>th</sup> and North C Street, for a period of time not to exceed 7 total days, beginning Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and to be completed no later than Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The intersection will be closed to traffic in all directions to protect the public from construction hazards and to safely facilitate the school building project. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wassom, seconded by Smith to approve the payment of \$31,500 to JW Auto Sales for the purchase of a 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle. Administrator Schmidt explained that Dave Baltz will be transitioning to the Rescue Department to head up ALS and that the Rescue Department would like to purchase the 2013 pickup currently being used by the police department. They feel that this vehicle is beneficial in the current needs of the rescue department and in intercepting ambulances for ALS and currently is not as handy in transferring detainees. The money used for the purchase of the new 2023 Ford Police Interceptor will come from money set aside in the Rescue budget, the Police Budget and from the Administrator Equipment budget. He explained that buying this vehicle and working together across departments allows the City to solve two problems and eliminates

the purchase of another police vehicle in the next budget year. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wassom, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 12:13 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk