

## Broken Bow City Council

### Meeting Minutes October 22, 2024

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the Broken Bow Municipal Auditorium. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Custer County Chief, the designated method for giving notice. Advance notice of the meeting, a copy of the agenda, and related council materials was given to the Mayor and all members of the City Council and 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: Luke Wassom, and Paul Holland. Absent: Russ Smith and Chris Myers. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Wassom, seconded by Holland to approve the consent agenda for October 22, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the October 8, 2024, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Wassom and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4 County Heating & Air, LLC \$977.85, Aflac, \$563.75, \$119.50, Beaver Bearing Co Albion \$4.44, Better Homes and Gardens \$16.00, Bound Tree Medical \$2,234.29, Broken Bow Ambulance Service - \$44.79, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$2,410.00, Callaway District Hospital \$47.01, Card Services 0591 \$1,482.47, Carquest of Broken Bow -\$158.63, \$439.36, \$179.99, Cengage Learning - Gale \$350.81, Central Nebraska Bobcat \$8,000.00, Century Link -\$286.88, \$88.82, Chris Henderson - \$77.97, City of Broken Bow -Flex Benefit Plan \$225.00 City of Broken Bow -Family Heritage \$25.50 City of Broken Bow -Health Insurance \$3,661.81, \$26,931.72, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, \$2,324.80, \$11,141.56, \$1,551.57 Colonial Life, \$548.14, \$335.79 Consolidated Management Co. \$114.75, Custer County Chief \$15.10, \$613.56, David Baltz \$3.39, Deaf Services Unlimited \$603.00, Discover \$38.47, EFTPS \$3,124.48, \$8,448.06, \$13,359.76 EZ IT Solutions \$40,445.41, \$10,951.42, Eakes Office Solutions \$86.97, Freedom Munitions \$2,150.00, Grassland Vet Hospital \$490.19, Heartland Clerks Association \$20.00, Hometown Leasing \$116.65, Ingram Library Services \$2,012.81, JEO \$5,345.00, Jacob Holcomb \$10.00, Johnson Landscape \$814.48, Josh Townsend \$242.86, LARM \$344,023.00, \$982.76, League of NE Municipalities \$11,242.00, Library Journal \$169.00, MacQueen Equipment \$16,242.08, Mead Lumber \$1,203.27, Mid Plains Community College \$1,390.00, NE Child Support \$899.09, Nebraska Library Commission \$500.00, OBrien's Hardware \$24.79, Over Drive \$1,500.00, Paulsen Inc. \$1,407.00, Presto X Company \$156.56, \$72.49, RT Ace, LLC \$88.71, RT Ace, LLC \$105.72, Real Simple \$20.00, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Smithsonian \$29.99, State Income Tax \$4,191.40, Statewide Collection, 15.95, TX Child Support SDU \$410.23, Time \$15.00, Trotter Service \$771.56, \$1,804.22, \$865.38, Trotter Whoa & Go West BB \$595.68, \$60.53, \$1,083.59, \$306.68, Verizon Wireless \$249.32, \$129.73, Wenquist, Inc. \$403.91, Total \$544,252.75, Bi-Weekly Payroll (10/9/24) \$75,604.72, Grand Total \$619,857.47

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

Under other business, K9 officer Sam was honored for his 5 ½ years of service to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Broken Bow and for keeping his K9 handler, Captain Anderson safe. Sam, a 10-year-old German Shepherd, was trained in narcotics detection in 2017. Sam and Captain Anderson were presented a commemorative plaque and basket of treats from the city and a chew toy grenade from the police department. Sam will retire to the life of a regular dog at the home of Captain Anderson.

Introduced at the meeting was Maverick, the new 2-year-old K9 officer for the Broken Bow Police department and his handler Officer Townsend. Maverick has completed his handler training and will be on active duty after the completion of his training with the State of Nebraska. At that time he will be certified in both narcotics detection and tracking. Maverick also received a basket of treats.

Under new business, moved by Wassom, seconded by Holland to open a public hearing at 6:11 PM regarding issuing a conditional use permit to SG Concrete Pros Inc., to operate a commercial business in an A-1 zoning district at 1451 North 17th Ave, Broken Bow, Nebraska. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission member Jacob Holcomb stated that the issue at hand is that it is not permitted to run a commercial business from an agricultural district. He said that the Planning Commission has a process they work through in these situations and that process has been completed and that the planning commission is recommending approval of the conditional use permit with three recommendations. The three recommendations are; (a) all construction and demolition materials, trash and cut down trees must be removed from the vicinity within 90 days after approval by City Council, (b) a fence must be erected and maintained on the north property line separating the business from the residential property, and (c) that there shall be no storage or processing of crushed concrete on the property.

Jacob Holcomb stated that a lot of work went into the recommendation and that they also included input from the surrounding neighbors. Breanna Kaup, 1505 North 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, brought up the concern that the property remains a single-family residence. Jacob Holcomb stated that the planning commission explored the issue and did not feel that there was a need to do anything further because that is already a requirement of an A1 zoning district. Administrator Schmidt said that this process was a great example of the process playing itself out and Mayor Sonnichsen thanked everyone for all their hard work. Moved by Holland, seconded by Wassom to exit public hearing at 6:16 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Wassom and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wassom, seconded by Holland to approve the conditional use permit for SG Concrete Pros Inc. at 1451 North 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, Broken Bow, Nebraska with the three recommendations from the planning commission. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wassom to approve the agreement with Dr. Homan to be the Broken Bow Emergency Medical Services Medical Director, commencement date being the date of signature of all parties, and valid for one year. Compensation will be \$2,500 paid annually on



December 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave Baltz, EMS Department Head, explained that this contract allows Dr. Hohman to supervise all aspects of the ambulance service and that Dr. Hohman comes in high regard. He also stated that in the past the city did not pay for this service but that we now have a lot more responsibilities with ALS. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Wassom and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Under Mayor and council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen thanked everyone for attending the meeting and Broken Bow Police Department for all they do.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wassom, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:20 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Wassom, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk

