

Broken Bow City Council
Meeting Minutes December 10th, 2024

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 10th, 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. Advance notice of the meeting, a copy of the agenda, and related council materials were 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: Russ Smith, Luke Wassom, Chris Myers, and Paul Holland. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Myers, seconded by Wassom to approve the consent agenda for December 10, 2024. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the November 24, 2024, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and the October 2024 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Wassom, Myers, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment-Parks \$260.68, Aflac \$563.75, \$119.50, \$108.18, Around The Block Catering \$2,425.23, Blue 360 Media, LLC \$102.95, Bound Tree Medical \$703.09, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Ambulance Service \$52.81, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$3,690.43, Broken Bow Postmaster \$188.00, Capital One \$456.57, Card Services 4834 \$1,535.48, Card Services 0583 \$957.48, Card Services 0609 \$23,797.91, Carquest of Broken Bow \$41.31, Century Link \$206.39, \$86.03, \$89.07, \$136.58, \$84.59, \$338.07, \$100.01, City Flex Benefit Plan \$225.00, City of Broken Bow \$25.50, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$3,661.81, \$26,931.72, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,162.45, \$12,075.20, \$1,707.78, Colonial Insurance \$577.42, \$332.10, \$589.62, Custer County Treasurer \$19,386.68, Custer Public Power \$50.21, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,175.92, \$8,798.74, \$13,579.94, EZ IT Solutions \$2,765.00, \$2,399.99, Eakes Office Products \$700.22, First Response Billing Associates, LLC \$2,474.60, Grassland Vet Hospital \$101.13, Hometown Leasing \$291.12, \$73.57, Island Supply Company \$137.55, JEO \$2,600.00, JW Auto Sales \$24,500.00, \$5,000.00, Justice Data Solutions, Inc. \$2,225.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$65.43, \$59.58, \$1,188.00, MacQueen Equipment \$69.46, Melham Wellness Center \$4,795.00, Midwest Alarm Services \$312.75, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$851.09, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, Paulsen Inc. \$7,171.50, Powermanager \$151.25, Quill Corporation \$125.01, RT ACE, LLC \$185.35, \$2.73, \$46.96, \$25.73, \$28.10, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Sandhills Custom Creations \$218.95, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,000.00, Scott Ripp Construction \$800.26, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,296.12, Statewide Collection LLC \$15.95, TX Child Support SDU \$410.23, Tim Eggleston \$185.02, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Ty Taylor \$12.71, Verizon

Wireless \$320.08, Weathercraft \$583.25, Total \$199,553.51, Bi-Weekly Payroll (12/4/24) \$76,380.42, Grand Total \$275,933.93.

Mayor Sonnichsen presented plaques to outgoing Councilmembers Chris Myers and Luke Wassom for appreciation of their service to the City of Broken Bow. City Administrator Dave Schmidt also thanked them for their thoughtful wisdom, insight and dedication to the City.

The Meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 6:05 pm.

The Oaths of Office were administered to East Ward Councilmember Joe Wamsley and West Ward Councilmember Travis Kleeb by City Attorney Jason White.

Mayor Rod Sonnichsen called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm, with the following Councilmembers present: Russ Smith, Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland. Absent: None.

Under new business, moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb to elect Councilmember Russ Smith as City Council President. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to open a public hearing at 6:10 PM regarding Ordinance 1293, Water Use Fee. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Administrator Schmidt stated that he did not have any further questions from the public since the last council meeting. He also explained that they did a water rate study of peer communities with populations of 1500-5000 and the average rate was \$20.19. He said that after the rate increase, Broken Bow would be at \$19.26 and that is below the average of those peer communities. There were no public comments. At the end of discussion, moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to exit public hearing at 6:12 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to approve Ordinance 1293, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING THE WATER USE FEE, REPEALING THE SECTIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE." Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to open a public hearing at 6:13 PM regarding Ordinance 1294, Sewer Use Fee. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. There were no council or public comments. At the end of discussion, moved by Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to exit public hearing at 6:14 PM. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb to approve Ordinance 1294, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA ESTABLISHING THE SEWER USE FEE, REPEALING THE SECTIONS OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS

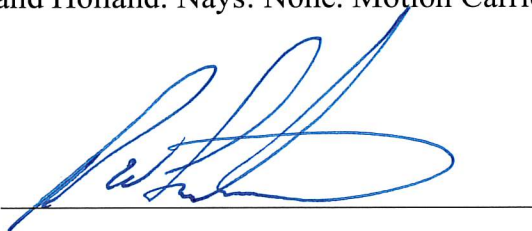
ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.” Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb, to approve Resolution 2027-19, Authorize and approve purchase of real property, purchase agreement and further actions. During discussion, Administrator Schmidt explained that this resolution gives him the authority to sign a purchase agreement with the State of Nebraska for \$270,000 for the purchase of the Armory. He also explained that they have not yet determined what the property will be used for but that the city is currently exploring various options. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Under Mayor and council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen welcomed the new councilmembers aboard and thanked the outgoing councilmembers for their 9 years of combined service. Councilmembers Smith and Holland agreed and commended the outgoing councilmembers for their contributions, ideas and perspectives.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:21 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk

