

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes January 28th, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, 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 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, Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland. Absent: None. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act, followed by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to approve the consent agenda for January 28th, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and the December 2024 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4 County Heating & Air, LLC \$405.83, \$85.00, 911 Custom \$3,249.00, Aflac \$563.75, \$119.50, Bound Tree Medical \$3,600.80, Bow Locksmith \$10.00, Card Services \$176.51, Century Link \$163.83, City Flex Benefit Plan \$615.00, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance \$4,376.98, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,558.22, \$11,842.02, \$1,607.82, Colonial Insurance \$541.29, \$306.20, Custom Cage Inc. \$1,145.00, EFTPS \$3093.72, \$8,509.07, \$13,228.68, Eakes Office Solutions \$122.97, Family Heritage, \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC \$2,326.89, Frontier Family Pharmacy \$109.13, Great Plains Communications \$185.00, Ingram Library Services \$1,463.15, Island Supply Welding Co. \$56.35, JEO \$4,324.00, Jacob Holcomb \$22.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$200.00, \$106.73, Mid Plains Community College \$845.10, Motorola Solutions Inc. \$153.75, NMC Inc \$3,059.06, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$851.09, Nebraska Dept of Revenue \$908.25, Nebraska Safety and Fire Equipment, Inc \$150.00, Pareto Health \$76.00, Presto X Company \$72.49, Psychology Today \$29.97, Quill Corporation \$72.56, Ranchland Ford \$464.98, Register of Deeds \$16.00, Safety-Kleen Systems Inc \$201.43, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,852.74, Statewide Collections \$15.95, Stryker \$1,435.00, TSYS Merchant Solutions \$245.00, TX Child Support \$401, Trotter Service \$706.05, Trotter Service \$48.68, Total – \$78,765.00, Biweekly Payroll 1-15-2025 \$74,379.09 Grand Total- \$153,144.09

In other communication, Library Director Megan Svoboda presented the Broken Bow Library Annual Report for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Megan stated this report was reviewed and accepted by the state. Additionally, Megan presented multiple impressive statistics from the previous fiscal year. The Broken Bow Library had over 25,000 visitors, library patrons saved \$737,024 by borrowing items, and the circulation numbers are getting close to our pre pandemic levels. Lastly, Megan stated her goals for the library include to maintain the gold accreditation status while offering fun and innovative programs at the Broken Bow Library.

Under new business, moved by Holland seconded by Smith to open a public hearing at 6:12 pm to discuss the potential of granting a conditional use permit at 704 S 8th Ave allowing commercial firearm/archery sales and service from a residential district. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb stated the conditional use permit comes with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Jacob mentioned that he reached out to Custer Christian to make sure the school board and principal were aware of potential business activity. Lastly, Jacob stated that no one expressed concern. At the end of discussion, Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith, to exit public hearing at 6:14 pm. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith seconded by Wamsley to approve the conditional use permit at 704 S 8th Ave allowing commercial firearm/archery sales and service from a residential district. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

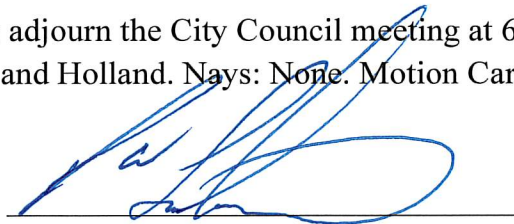
Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to open a public hearing at 6:16 pm to discuss the potential of changing the zoning classification from residential multi-family to commercial highway at Sargents 3rd Addition Block 1 Lot 3 Broken Bow City. Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb stated the zoning change comes with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Jacob also stated the lot previously was used for a nursing home which fit into the residential multi-family. Now that the lot is being used for commercial purposes it would fit well with the commercial highway district. At the end of discussion, Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley, to exit public hearing at 6:17 pm. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith to approve the zoning classification change from residential multi-family to commercial highway at Sargents 3rd Addition Block 1 Lot 3 Broken Bow City. Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

During Mayor and Council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen announced much progress was made in resolving the levee repairs with BNSF. Mayor Sonnichsen also stated the library is doing a great job with all of their programs.

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



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jacob Holcomb, Deputy City Clerk

