

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11th, 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 Wamsley, seconded by Holland to approve the consent agenda for January 28, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the January 28, 2025, Council Meeting, Minutes of the January 31, 2025, Special Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

911 Custom \$618.54, AKRS Equipment \$28.14, Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, Anderson Auto Tech \$882.63, BNSF Railway Company \$413.21, Bound Tree Medical \$1,169.12, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$4,975.00, Broken Bow Mun Utilities \$2,086.53, \$25,252.16, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$8,695.78, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board \$4,378.11, Callaway District Hospital \$55.14, Capital One \$2,341.96, Card Services \$4,834, \$1,371.62, Card Services 0591 \$2,566.28, Card Services 0583 \$895.50, Card Services 0609 \$302.08, Carquest of Broken Bow \$75.79, \$709.57, \$38.74, Century Link \$26.16, \$86.03, \$136.68, \$66.34, \$338.05, \$116.50, City Flex Benefit Plan \$535.00, City of Broken Bow – Health Insurance \$4,196.68, \$32,653.72, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,684.87, \$11,553.86, \$1,573.24, Colonial Insurance \$520.88, \$292.20, Custer County Clerk \$109.56, Custer County Treasurer \$19,386.68, Custer Public Power \$80.94, DEWEY'S IMPLEMENT & WELDING \$5,202.53, Danko Emergency Equipment Co \$163.46, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,023.86, \$8,294.46, \$12,929.96, EZ IT Solutions \$8,156.40, \$2,852.50, Eakes Office Products \$143.77, \$213.25, Evans Feed Co. \$18.95, Family Heritage \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC \$2,474.04, Frontier Family Pharmacy \$26.28, Fyr-Tek \$1,001.52, Great Plains Communications \$150.00, \$84.95, \$154.84, Highstreet Insurance & Financial Serv \$1,266.72, Hometown Leasing \$116.65, \$73.57, \$291.12, Interstate Batteries \$40.75, Island Supply Welding Co. \$143.35, JEO \$1,697.50, Kelvin Kreitman \$122.49, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$3,535.43, League of NE Municipalities \$150.00, Municipal Emergency Services \$999.30, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$851.09, OBrien's Hardware \$13.99, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, Pareto Health \$76.00, Paul Cunningham \$200.00, Presto X Company \$146.32, RT Ace, LLC \$33.98, \$24.97, \$325.42, \$62.14, Ranchland Ford \$176.93, Ryan Bowland \$192.59, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, STEVE MOGENSEN \$235.38, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,050.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,756.58, Statewide Collection LLC \$15.95, Steve Scott \$110.80, TX Child Support SDU \$401.00, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Verizon Wireless \$129.68, \$249.12, \$320.08, Wenquist, Inc. \$564.62, Total - \$198,099.66. Bi-Weekly Payroll (1/29/25) \$72,531.16, Grand Total \$270,630.82

In new business, discussion was held on potentially approving the bid for the 2024 Water Main Replacement project. Administrator Dave Schmidt explained that two bids came in for the water main replacement project from 10th Street to 15th Street along Highway 2. The bids were from Myers

Construction and Van Kirk Bros Contracting out of Sutton, NE. He explained that both bids were very close to each other, approximately \$1,500 apart, with Myers Construction being the lowest bid at \$432,190. He read a statement from JEO, the engineer on the project, that said that based on their review, they recommend awarding the project to Myers Construction. Administrator Schmidt said that he concurs with their assessment because they have done several successful projects with the City of Broken Bow, and they are the lowest bidder. Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleebe, to award the 2024 Water Main Replacement project to Myers Construction for their bid of \$432,190.00. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleebe, and Holland. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleebe, seconded by Wamsley, to approve the Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws. During discussion Councilmember Holland explained that the bylaws are for the Volunteer Fire Department only, as EMS has their own bylaws, and they get updated approximately every 5 years. Administrator Schmidt also explained that the bylaws have been approved by City Attorney, Jason White and that there were only minor changes centered around required training attendance, and officer duties. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleebe, and Wamsley. Abstain: Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

During Mayor and council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen read the following statement, "In the interest of transparency I want to let the council and the public know that I will be instructing Dave Schmidt, City Administrator, to have a Resolution prepared for the next meeting that if passed will authorize him to send a notice to Custer County Communications regarding our desire to terminate the current interlocal agreement."

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:09 pm for the purpose of entering a strategy session with respect to potential litigation for leveed property tax assessment against the City of Broken Bow, to include the Mayor, City Council members, City Administrator David Schmidt, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse, Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb and City Treasurer LeeAnn Taylor. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleebe, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley, to exit closed session at 6:28 pm. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleebe, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wamsley, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:30 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleebe, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



A blue ink signature of Rodney W. Sonnichsen, consisting of stylized initials and a surname, written over a horizontal line.

Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Jennifer Waterhouse, written in a cursive style over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Waterhouse, City Clerk