

## Broken Bow City Council

### Meeting Minutes April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 8, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2025, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, \$108.18, Anderson Auto Tech \$265.16, Bound Tree Medical \$636.49, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Ambulance Service \$17.98, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$6,970.00, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$7,874.70, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board \$3,869.20, Capitol One \$998.02, Card Services 4834 \$1,471.77, Card Services 0583 \$599.59 Card Services 0609 \$825.53 Carquest of Broken Bow \$20.28, \$48.88, Century Link \$102.41, \$138.82, \$369.08, City Flex Benefit Plan \$455.00, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$4,377.59, \$33,638.90, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,795.09, \$12,310.68, \$1,820.62, Colonial Insurance \$520.88, \$282.99, \$585.94, Custer County Treasurer - 19386.68, Custer Public Power \$72.03, Danko Emergency Equipment Co \$154.47, E-470 Public Highway Authority \$40.30, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,607.06, \$10,191.88, \$15,423.26, EZ IT Solutions \$5.00, \$20.00, \$2,940.00, Eakes Office Products \$174.69, Family Heritage \$25.50, Great Plains Communications \$154.84, \$150.00, \$84.95, Hometown Leasing \$291.12, \$73.57, Island Supply Welding Co. \$123.60, Jennifer Waterhouse \$323.40, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$3,470.00, \$1,600.60, Melham Wellness Center \$112.00, Mid American Research Chemical \$2,103.53, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$851.09, Nebraska Forest Service \$1,308.00, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, Quill Corporation \$110.97, RT Ace, LLC \$38.97, \$63.98, \$32.98, \$210.31, \$420.47, \$140.91, \$275.48, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,000.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,395.87 Statewide Collection LLC \$106.10, Steve Scott \$66.20, TX Child Support SDU \$401.00, The Radar Shop \$384.00, Time Management Systems Inc. \$112.34, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Verizon Wireless \$320.08, WESCO Distribution \$35,550.00, Total \$191,517.59 Bi-Weekly Payroll (3/26/25) \$87,746.56, Grand Total \$279,264.15.

In new business, moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith to approve Highway 2 Sanitary Sewer Extension 15<sup>th</sup> to Webster Change Order #3 with JEO Consulting Group Inc., deleting the “remove and replace fire hydrant” bid item for a net change of -\$2,815.29 and extending the substantial completion date to April 15, 2025. Administrator Schmidt explained that the change order reduces the overall cost of

the project and that the entire project should be completed by April 15, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2025-02, Payment #1 for the Highway 2 Sanitary Sewer Extension 15<sup>th</sup> to Webster in the amount of \$159,561.90 to Myers Construction Inc. for work completed through March 25, 2025, for the Highway 2 Sanitary Sewer Extension 15<sup>th</sup> to Webster project #211489 and signing the Certificate of Substantial Completion. Administrator Schmidt explained that this payment application authorizes payment for work completed to date. He also added that the project name is a little deceiving because it states it is from 15<sup>th</sup> to Webster but that the real connection point isn't quite at 15<sup>th</sup>. He explained that it may not look like they have gone the whole distance yet but that the project was to connect the two pieces of sewer main that were not connected and that has now been completed as intended. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wamsley to approve Resolution 2025-03, of approving and authorizing the City Administrator, David Schmidt, to make any changes necessary to certificates of deposit or any similar interest bearing accounts for the purposes of achieving the best financial opportunities currently available for the City of Broken Bow. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to approve the lease agreement between the City of Broken Bow and Community First National Bank for one (1) LUCUS Chest Compression System, one (1) Ventilator System, and five (5) wireless radios and related equipment in the amount of \$50,801.66. Administrator Schmidt explained that the City is purchasing a new ambulance, and this lease allows them to get the needed equipment now without having a major impact on the budget. Emergency Services Department Head David Baltz stated that all major pieces needed in the new ambulance unit had been purchased in previous budgets and that these were the last items needed to outfit the new ambulance. He also explained that they currently are not able to transport patients who are on ventilators and the new equipment would give them that ability and the ventilator system can be moved between ambulances as needed. Mayor Sonnichsen explained that he highly recommended approving the lease because each piece of equipment is important in providing better service to citizens of the community. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

During public comments, Tom Ecker expressed concerns over affordable housing in Broken Bow and the demolition of houses that he feels still have a lot of potential left in them. Administrator Schmidt clarified that the house Mr. Eacker spoke of was demolished by the owner of the property.

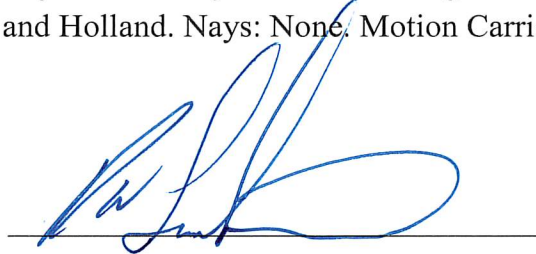
During Mayor and council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen reminded the public that we are in road construction season and to please remember to be safe as the much needed project is now underway.

Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb ended the meeting by speaking as one of the Flood Plain Administrators and updated the council and the public regarding a \$250,000 State of Nebraska grant that the City is currently working on. He explained that the grant allows for a flood plain scoping project to be completed where a contractor would be hired to do an analysis of the flood plain with the goal of implementing flood control structures that could reduce the flood plain in Broken Bow.



The end goal would be to eliminate barriers for property and business owners to allow for more houses and businesses in the community. The grant has a 25% cost commitment, which Holcomb stated is \$62,500. He added that because of the tight window that's left to apply, they are looking at having a special meeting on Thursday to further discuss the grant.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:22 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Waterhouse", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer A. Waterhouse, City Clerk

