

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 27, 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, and Paul Holland. Absent: Joe Wamsley. Also in attendance was City Attorney Jason White, City Administrator David Schmidt, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse, Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb, and City Treasurer LeeAnn Morgan. 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 May 27, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the May 13, 2025, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and April 2025 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, Anderson Auto Tech \$17.26, Arrow Seed \$159.80, Bear Frame & Alignment \$192.55, Black Hills Energy \$356.22, Bound Tree Medical \$1,629.80, Card Services 0591 \$3,312.16, City Flex Benefit Plan \$455.00, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$4,377.59, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,795.76, \$11,467.96, \$1,539.66, Colonial Insurance \$534.49, \$284.76, Custer County Chief \$574.86, Dustin Watson \$83.43, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,154.46, \$8,611.93, \$13,487.96, Family Heritage \$25.50, Garrett Tires & Treads \$42.30, Great Plains Communications \$158.00, Great Plains Communications - Police \$185.00, Greg Krueger & Associates \$857.05, JEO \$28,989.80, Jefferson Capitol Systems \$559.33, Marten Heating & Air \$489.95, Mary Larson \$3,327.00, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc \$160.00, Mt. Custer Truck Sales \$529.95, NMVCA \$135.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$769.86, Nebraska Pasture Door \$32.00, Pareto Health \$76.00, Power Solutions \$735.32, Site One Landscape Supply \$157.87, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$3,864.80, TX Child Support SDU \$401.00, Taylors Heating & Cooling Inc \$74.16, The Olson Group \$3,800.00, \$1,008.00, Trotter Service \$766.49, Trotter Service \$2,635.84, Trotter Service \$552.08, Trotter Service \$21.28, Total \$103,945.19 Bi-Weekly Payroll (5/21/25) \$75,772.11, Grand Total \$179,717.30

In new business, moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb to approve Resolution 2025-11, authorizing City Administrator, David Schmidt, to amend the Department of Motor Vehicles City of Broken Bow RST Test Site Agreement to designate Tomahawk Park as the location for motorcycle skills testing in lieu of Melham Park. Administrator Schmidt explained that the City entered the RST agreement in 2023 with the State of Nebraska to allow them to utilize the parking lot area of Melham Park for their motorcycle Rider Skills Test (RST) that takes place one or two days a month. He explained that the problem with the current site is that they must navigate new riders across town and over the tracks to take the test and then navigate them back just to find out that they did not pass the test. He explained that he was approached by the State with the idea to instead use the parking lot area of Tomahawk Park for the testing. He further stated that after mapping out the options with Darren Martin, they concluded that as long as no one is parked there, there would be plenty of room and it would not impede traffic. The testing usually takes less than an hour and is first thing in the morning. They also confirmed that if someone were parked there, they would cancel the testing for the day. He explained that they also looked at the area by the wellness center, west of the tennis courts, which could be utilized as well if they felt like they had enough room. He

finished by stating that they feel like these are the two best options and the Resolution presented gives him the authorization to make those changes.

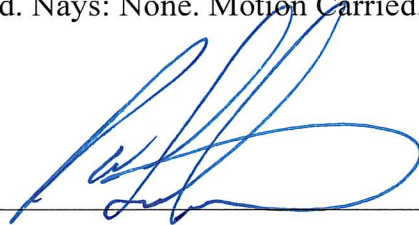
Mayor Sonnichsen stated that the City is extremely fortunate to have a testing DMV here in Broken Bow and the reason that this is going through council is because anytime we impeded or block traffic it requires City Council approval via a Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith to approve moving the regular City Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, to the alternate night of Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

During public comments, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse pointed out that there was a typo on the upcoming events in the agenda with June 12th listed as the next council meeting. She explained that now that council has approved the date change to please disregard that date as the next council meeting will be on June 11, 2025.

There were no Mayor and council comments.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:07 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer A. Waterhouse, City Clerk

