

## Broken Bow City Council

### Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 13, 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. Also in attendance was City Attorney Jason White, City Administrator David Schmidt, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse, 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 13, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 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, \$436.46, \$119.50, \$108.18, BENCHMARK GOVERNMENTAL SOLUTIONS \$27.90, Beaver Bearing Co Albion \$116.67, Black Hills Energy \$1,125.83, Bound Tree Medical \$1,206.56, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Ambulance Service \$14.47, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$1,0340.00, Broken Bow Mun Utilities \$4,877.01, \$616.49, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board \$845.00, Callaway District Hospital \$82.73, Card Services \$179.57, Card Services 4834 \$1,257.66, Card Services 0591 \$2,984.42, Card Services 0583 \$342.36, Card Services 0609 \$1,029.05, Carquest of Broken Bow -\$23.40, \$421.79, \$9.99, Carroll Construction Supply \$3,430.04, Century Link -\$86.03, Century Link \$138.89, Century Link \$369.07, Century Link \$102.48, Chris Henderson \$35.07, City Flex Benefit Plan \$455.00, \$455.00, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$4,377.59, 4,377.59, 33,638.90, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,768.98, \$1,1731.10, \$1,556.12, \$2,795.76, \$1,1643.26, \$1,576.35, Colonial Insurance \$520.88, \$282.99, \$534.49, \$284.76, \$585.94, Custer County Treasurer \$19,386.68, Custer Public Power \$53.00, Custer Transfer Station \$631.20, Demco \$213.17, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,250.16, \$8,977.35, \$13,897.36, \$3,147.44, \$8,557.19, \$13,458.18, EZ IT Solutions \$2,940.00, Eakes Office Products \$491.44, \$395.96, Eakes Office Solutions \$533.27, Family Heritage \$25.50, \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC \$2,884.79, Gibbons Electric \$2,471.80, Great Plains Communications \$84.95, \$130.00, \$154.88, \$150.00, Great Plains Communications – Police \$185.00, Grocery Kart \$11.58, Hometown Leasing \$73.57, \$116.65, Ingram Library Services \$1,673.00, Island Supply Company \$201.44, Jefferson Capitol Systems \$634.08, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$3,549.64, LARM \$301.50, MacQueen Equipment \$647.84, Marten Heating & Air \$308.50, Matthew Washington \$295.31, Mead Lumber \$47.99, \$28.68, Michael Todd Industrial Supply \$3,429.26, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$851.09, \$851.09, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center \$50.00, O'Reilly Auto Parts \$19.99, Paulsen Inc. \$1,430.00, \$3,528.00, Power DMS by NEOGOV \$4,640.10, Presto X Company \$72.49, RT Ace, LLC \$70.89, RT Ace, LLC \$176.18, RT Ace, LLC \$52.54, RT Ace, LLC \$44.18, RT Ace, LLC \$793.33, Ranchland Ford \$71.20, Real Simple \$10.00, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,050.00, Site One Landscape Supply \$1,206.84, \$148.65, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,052.29, \$3,893.57, Steve Scott \$30.73, Stryker \$1,050.00, \$1,540.54, \$7,0129.98, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. \$1,796.11, TX Child Support SDU \$401.00, \$401.00, Taste of Home \$19.36, The Christian Century \$74.95, The Emblem Authority \$299.00, Time Management Systems Inc. \$208.86, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Trotter Service \$1,042.92, Trotter Service \$102.56, Trotter Whoa & Go West BB \$493.63, \$128.20, \$486.75, \$135.18, Van Diest Supply Co



\$18,285.46, Verizon Wireless \$320.08, \$289.13, \$129.67, Wenquist Inc. \$7.99, \$57.20, Total – \$326,269.50. Bi-Weekly Payroll (4/23/25) \$78,627.29 and (5/7/25) \$75,296.24, Grand Total \$480,193.03.

In other communication, Electrical Superintendent Blake Waldow gave an update regarding the 2400 electrical conversion. He explained that May 3, 2025, was the last outage for phase 2 of the 2400 conversion and that it was coordinated with NPPD to avoid graduation on May 8<sup>th</sup>. He said that during the outage they were able to utilize the low voltage transformer from the power plant that was no longer needed to get rid of the mobile substation. The substation left town on May 8<sup>th</sup> ahead of the June 1<sup>st</sup> goal, saving approximately \$16,000 per month. He further explained that the next two phases of the conversion will get all the remaining affected residences and businesses off temporary power. Phase 3 covers S. 10<sup>th</sup> to S. 12<sup>th</sup> and phase 4 covers S. 10<sup>th</sup> to South 8<sup>th</sup>. He also commended the line crews for working long hours and weekends getting everyone off temporary power with the least number of interruptions. He also extended a special thank you to all the businesses and citizens for their continued understanding regarding the outages as the crews continue to make repairs and get everyone affected off temporary power.

Mr. Waldow also gave an update regarding the Tantalus AMI system conversion. He explained that AMI stands for automated meter infrastructure and instead of having to travel around town reading meters by radio, the information is now sent to the cloud and then to the computer in the office. Since deployment in February, the Tantalus AMI system is reading 95% of the meters. 300 meters have been changed out to get to this point, and they will be changing out meters for the 5% that we are not reading because they are older meters that need to be replaced. He also explained that they are currently working with Nova Tech to get the SCADA records site back up and running because that was also damaged in the power plant explosion.

In new business, moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley to approve the Broken Bow Police Department Mobile Data Computer policy. Administrator Schmidt explained that the policy modernizes and updates a necessary policy regarding the use of computer based systems and the expectations of the department and officers that use them. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2025-09, authorizing payment in the amount of \$331,506.38 to Myers Construction Inc. for work completed November 6, 2024, to February 1, 2025, for the Eagle Crest Subdivision project #211489 for pay application No. 4. Money to be sourced from sales tax infrastructure fund account ending in 168. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

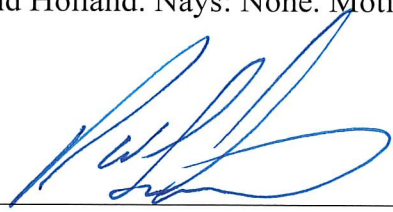
Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2025-10, authorizing payment in the amount of \$255,591.80 to Myers Construction Inc. for work completed February 2, 2025, to May 1, 2025, for the Eagle Crest Subdivision project #211489 for pay application No. 5. Money to be sourced from sales tax infrastructure fund account ending in 168. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Holland. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

During Mayor and council comments, Administrator Schmidt stated that he had met with the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding the Highway 2 project, and they reported that everything was on schedule and going well. He explained that the traffic shift is scheduled to take place around May 21, 2025. Mayor Sonnichsen also thanked Administrator Schmidt and LeeAnn Morgan for their work on the audit arrangement, the BBPD for Ordinance enforcement, Mr. Waldow and the electrical department for all their work with the 2400 electrical conversion, and the street department for the levy repair work. He also reminded the public to take advantage of the City Wide Clean Up event happening on Saturday May 17, 2025.

Moved by Smith, seconded by KleeB, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:15 pm. Roll Call  
vote: Voting aye: Smith, KleeB, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



  
Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer A. Waterhouse, City Clerk