

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes June 24, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 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 Joe Wamsley. Absent: Paul Holland. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt, City Attorney Jason White, 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 June 24, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the June 11, 2025, Council Meeting and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to excuse the absence of councilmember Holland. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4 County Heating & Air, LLC \$105.00, Adren Uhlig \$300.00, Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, Blair Nixon \$155.00, Bound Tree Medical \$2,046.52, Broken Bow Mun Utilities -\$14,609.19, Callaway District Hospital \$1.34, Card Services \$677.09, Carquest of Broken Bow \$220.49, 89.01, Central Ne Economic Dev District \$5,609.60, Central Valley Electric, Inc. \$1,587.23, City Flex Benefit Plan \$535.00, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance \$4,378.26, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,805.22, \$11,804.84, \$1,542.22, Colonial Insurance \$534.49, \$296.32, Custer County Chief \$222.00, Custer County Construction Inc. \$4,107.55, Custer Transfer Station \$174.60, Demco \$69.34, Dept Correctional SVCS \$3,800.00, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,680.68, \$9,054.13, \$15,738.20, Eakes Office Solutions \$157.92, Family Heritage \$25.50, Great Plains Communications - Police \$185.00, Grocery Kart \$63.91, Ingram Library Services \$1,753.40, JEO \$11,366.25, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$371.21, \$15.06, \$28.76, LARM \$37.86, Marten Heating & Air \$501.46, \$337.50, Mead Lumber -\$200.96, Michael Todd Industrial Supply \$113.16, Midwest Alarm Services \$228.00, NE Statewide EMS Conference \$825.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$769.86, Nebraska Forest Service \$1,000.00, Nebraska State Historical Soc \$35.00, Platte Valley Communications \$675.75, Presto X Company \$79.01, Ranchland Ford \$594.45, \$73.22, Scott Rhinehart \$150.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,105.60, Steve Scott \$155.03, TSYS Merchant Solutions \$379.32, TX Child Support SDU \$331.77, Travel + Leisure \$26.00, Trotter Fertilizer \$68.72, Trotter Service \$2,625.03, Trotter Service \$288.88, Trotter Service \$1,444.11, Van Diest Supply Co \$5,148.00, Verizon Wireless \$129.67, \$289.13, Wardyn Electric \$591.96, Weathercraft \$5,885.00, \$3,387.50, Wenquist, Inc -Ambulance \$14.99, Wenquist Inc. \$26.99, Total - \$129,185.22, Bi-Weekly Payroll (6/18/25) \$92,284.22, Grand Total \$221,469.44

In new business, moved by Smith, seconded by Wamsley to approve upgrades to the frisbee golf course in collaboration with Ethan Harders. Mr. Harders explained that he was returning to council because enough money has been raised to order new frisbee golf baskets and signage, which will update the outdated course and convert it to a more user friendly 18 hole course. He explained that he wanted to clarify approval regarding the upgrades to the course before moving forward and discuss getting city assistance with the removal and installation of the baskets. Mayor Sonnichsen stated that he recommended council approval because it is another activity for citizens to take part in. He also thanked Mr. Harders for raising the funds and said that he can coordinate the basket removal and installation with Darren Marten. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to approve the appointment of Wyatt Woodward as a Broken Bow Police Officer. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Police Chief Steve Scott spoke briefly about Wyatt Woodward and explained that Wyatt is a Broken Bow native who graduated from Broken Bow High School in 2021 and graduated in 2025 from Peru State College with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and administration. Chief Scott explained that Wyatt will be a good addition to the Broken Bow Police Department and City Attorney Jason White administered the Police Officer Oath to Officer Wyatt Woodward.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to approve the Broken Bow Public Library Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability. Library Director Megan Svoboda explained that the policy protects the city from everything but gross negligence and has been reviewed and recommended by City Attorney Jason White. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb to approve awarding the bid for the Broken Bow Library Roof Contract to Weathercraft Roofing. Administrator Schmidt explained that he received two bids for the project, one from Weathercraft for \$35,150.00 and the other from Spartan Commercial Roofing for \$63,856.00. He said that he recommends accepting the Weathercraft Roofing bid and that JEO has also reviewed the bids and recommends accepting Weathercraft's bid as well. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Smith to approve signing the substantial completion form for the Eagle Crest subdivision. Administrator Schmidt explained that this comes at the recommendation of JEO. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, and Kleeb. Abstain: Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

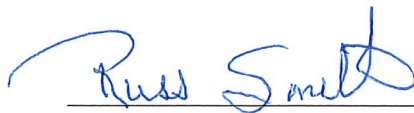
Mayor Sonnichsen explained that he would move to public comments and then come back to the City administrator annual performance review.

There were no public, Mayor or council comments.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb, to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:18 pm for the purpose of evaluating the job performance of City Administrator, Dave Schmidt, to include the Mayor, City Council members, City Administrator David Schmidt, and City Attorney Jason White. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb, to exit closed session at 7:32 pm. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:33 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb and Wamsley. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

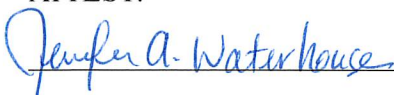


Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

Russ Smith

Russ Smith, Council President

ATTEST:



Jennifer A. Waterhouse, City Clerk

