

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 11, 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 6:01 pm, with the following Councilmembers present: Russ Smith, Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland. Absent: none. Also in attendance was 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 June 11, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2025, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, Troy's Hot Rocket Fireworks LLC Fireworks Application, and Loud & Proud Fireworks LLC Fireworks Application. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

911 Custom \$159.00, AKRS Equipment \$55.20, AKRS Equipment-Parks \$82.67, Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, \$108.18, American Legal Publishing \$399.00, Benchmark Governmental Solutions \$721.10, Bound Tree Medical \$345.77, Broken Bow Airport Authority \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Chamber of Commerce \$8,765.00, Broken Bow Mun Utilities \$565.83, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities \$4,763.46, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board \$950.98, Capital One \$1,573.07, Card Services 4834 \$5,828.85, Card Services 0591 \$4,138.03, Card Services 0583 \$2,927.96, Card Services 0609 \$3,131.15, Carquest of Broken Bow \$7.99, Century Link \$86.03, Century Link \$138.89, Century Link \$368.75, Century Link \$127.00, City Flex Benefit Plan \$455.00, City of Broken Bow - Health Insurance \$4,377.59, \$32,723.28, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,805.22, \$13,105.18, \$1,583.35, Colonial Insurance \$534.49, \$284.76, \$585.94, Courtney Kusek \$20.00, Custer County Chief \$237.12, Custer County Treasurer \$19,386.68, Custer Public Power \$53.00, Deterdings \$10,505.23, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,887.32, \$13,000.99, \$16,621.74, EZ IT Solutions \$1,478.60, \$2,940.00, Eakes Office Products \$1,044.90, Etta Wilder \$49.00, Family Heritage \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC \$2,280.37, Great Plains Communications \$230.05, \$289.95, \$84.95, \$150.00, Greg Krueger & Associates \$392.30, Hometown Leasing \$291.12, \$73.57, \$116.65, Island Supply Welding Co. \$65.96, JEO \$1,036.25, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$234.15, \$3,470.00, Marten Heating & Air \$636.58, Midland Telecom \$1,379.00, Myers Iron Salvage \$2,638.90, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$769.86, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center \$175.00, Nebraska Pasture Door \$288.00, Paper Tiger Shredding \$45.00, Power Solutions \$4,407.46, Quill Corporation \$81.79, RT Ace, LLC \$2,26.71, RT Ace, LLC \$302.89, \$88.05, RT Ace, LLC \$249.37, RT Ace, LLC \$1,009.80, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Sara J. Hulinsky \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm \$3,082.00, Shannon Pomplun \$30.00, Site One Landscape Supply \$857.44, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,801.50, Stryker \$72.00, TX Child Support SDU \$401.00, Taylors Heating & Cooling Inc \$131.10, Time Management Systems Inc. \$11.66, \$318.84, Tracker Systems \$16.99, Trotter Service \$119.00, Van Diest Supply Co \$3,862.30, Verizon Wireless \$320.08, Weathercraft \$377.25, Total \$198,898.28, Bi-Weekly Payroll (6/4/25) \$93,472.61, Grand Total \$292,370.89

In other communication, City Administrator Dave Schmidt, reported on the City Wide Clean-up that took place on May 17, 2025, stating that the event was very successful with the largest turnout to date. He explained that during the event the city took in 11,160 pounds of iron and 25,380 pounds of trash. The tree dump also had one hundred eighty seven visitors the first week and over two hundred the second week.

Administrator Schmidt also shared with those in attendance a bittersweet letter he received from Broken Bow Chief of Police Steve Scott announcing his retirement. The letter read as follows, "It is with a deep sense of gratitude and anticipation, I write to formally announce my retirement from the position of Chief of Police to be effective August 1, 2025. It has been an honor to serve the Broken Bow community for over 44 years, lead the men and women of the Broken Bow Police Department for 20 of those years. I am sincerely thankful for the trust, support and collaboration extended to me throughout my tenure. As I prepare for the next chapter, I remain fully committed to supporting a smooth and seamless leadership transition. I am available to assist in any way needed, including mentoring the incoming Chief of Police to ensure continued success for the department. I extend my heartfelt best wishes to each of you and to the entire Broken Bow Police Department. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated individuals." signed, Chief of Police, Steve Scott.

Administrator Schmidt said that as we near the retirement date he will keep everyone posted as the city will have some festivities lined up for Chief Scott. He concluded with offering congratulations and thanking Chief Scott for his dedicated service to the City of Broken Bow.

In new business, moved by Kleeb, seconded by Holland to approve deeming the Spirit of the Sandhills Summer Shootout USA Softball Tournament on June 20-22, 2025, a special city event. Administrator Schmidt explained that deeming this tournament a special event will allow them to have food trucks on site during the tournament. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

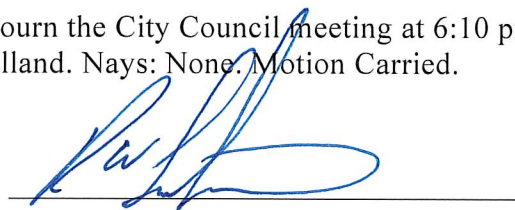
Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Kleeb to approve temporarily closing South D Street from South 8th Avenue to South 9th Avenue on June 23rd, 2025, from 4:00-7:00 pm for the Broken Bow Ambulance Service Drive Through Burger Fundraiser. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2025-12, authorizing the sale of surplus personal property, (1) Air Compressor, Serial Number 1TR1942472, to Nebraska City Utilities for \$9,000 plus applicable taxes. Administrator Schmidt explained that the air compressor is no longer needed and was purchased to be used at the power plant but was never used and stored in the basement. He said that the sale will allow the city to recoup the money that was invested and is in line with state statutes. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

During Mayor and council comments, Councilmember Holland reminded everyone to be careful driving around all the road construction throughout the town. Mayor Sonnichsen finished by thanking Chief Scott again for his roughly 45 years of dedication and service to the City of Broken Bow, as well as the team he has built over the last 10 years.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Kleeb, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:10 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

