

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 22, 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 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 Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to approve the consent agenda for July 22, 2025. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, and June 2025 Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

AKRS Equipment-Parks \$5,527.35, Aflac \$436.46, \$119.50, Ag Land ATV \$477.62, Benchmark Governmental Solutions \$504.55, Black Hills Energy \$303.25, Bound Tree Medical \$1,301.58, Bow Locksmith \$82.00, CDS Inspection & Beyond, Inc. \$540.00, Callaway District Hospital \$165.68, Card Services \$400.00, Carquest of Broken Bow \$137.57, Central Ne Medical Clinic \$187.00, Century Link \$86.03, City Flex Benefit Plan \$455.00, City of Broken Bow-Health Insurance \$4,491.93, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund \$2,892.50, \$12,143.88, \$1,532.99, Colonial Insurance \$534.49, \$284.76, Credit Management Services Inc. \$177.81, Danko Emergency Equipment Co \$399.99, \$334,807.00, EFTPS Online Payment \$3,690.16, \$9,756.66, \$15779.18, Eakes Office Products \$149.10, \$186.37, \$306.32, Eakes Office Solutions \$56.99, Evans Feed Co. \$21.90, Family Heritage \$25.50, Frontier Family Pharmacy \$89.32, Garret Tires & Treads Grand Island \$131.79, Geared 4 Sports \$147.01, Great Plains Communications - Police \$185.00, Great Plains Uniforms LLC \$2,000.00, Grocery Kart \$108.87, Ingram Library Services -\$2,199.46, JEO \$2,802.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions \$39.56, Knox Box \$584.00, LeeAnn Morgan -\$56.00, MMC Consulting, LLC -\$415.00, MacQueen Equipment \$14,090.29, Mason Holmes \$67.37, Mead Lumber \$274.02, Melham Medical Center \$95.78, Midwest Alarm Services \$45.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center \$769.86, Nebraska Dept of Revenue \$599.97, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center \$75.00, OBrien's Hardware \$32.18, OCLC Inc. \$640.24, Pareto Health \$76.00, Powerplan \$6,708.62, Presto X Company \$79.01, \$155.10, Psychological Resources \$150.00, RT Ace, LLC \$7.60, S&L Sanitary Service \$58.30, Safety-Kleen Systems Inc \$201.43, Sandhills Custom Creations \$66.50, Sandra Manning \$56.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment \$4,347.06, TX Child Support SDU \$331.77, The New Yorker \$52.00, The Olson Group \$3,800.00, Trotter Whoa & Go West BB \$514.03, Trotter's Whoa & Go West BB \$152.43, Trotters Whoa & Go West BB \$62.27, Trotter's Whoa & Go West BB \$301.27, Verizon Wireless \$289.10, \$129.65, Wenquist Inc. \$70.98, Wenquist, Inc. \$122.69, Wenquist, Inc. \$41.98, Total - \$441,182.63 Bi-Weekly Payroll (7/16/25) \$90,631.60, Grand Total \$531,814.23

In new business, moved by Smith, seconded by Holland to approve the appointment of Jose Ambriz as a Broken Bow Police Officer. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Police Chief Steve Scott spoke briefly about Jose Ambriz stating that he is a native of Broken Bow who graduated from Ansley Public Schools. He said that he is glad to have him on board and that he previously worked at Hall County Corrections in Grand Island and will be attending the NLETC

academy and is anticipated to graduate in December of 2025. Ambriz then introduced himself and his family to those in attendance. Police Chief Scott administered the Police Officer Oath to Officer Jose Ambriz. Mayor Sonnichsen welcomed Jose and stated that filling this position officially brings the Broken Bow Police Department to full staff.

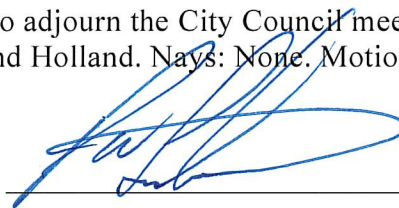
Moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb to approve Resolution 2025-13 a renewal agreement between the City of Broken Bow and the League Association of Risk Management for insurance coverage, selecting the option to provide written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the desired termination date, which shall be no sooner than September 30, 2025, for a 5% discount. Administrator Schmidt explained that the city signed a one year agreement with LARM last year and even with the power plant explosion, he couldn't be happier with how they have been to the city. He recommended that council accept either the 2 or 3 year coverage option and corresponding discount. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Smith to approve setting the date of the Budget Workshop for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 12:00 pm. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

During Mayor and council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen thanked Police Chief Scott and the BBPD for putting together an excellent team and said he looks forward to the three officers graduating from the academy in August and December.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:16 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

