

Broken Bow City Council

Special Meeting Minutes December 12, 2025

The Broken Bow City Council met in special session on Friday, December 12, 2025, in the Broken Bow Municipal Building. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof as required by law by posting in three public places: Broken Bow Municipal Building, Broken Bow Post Office, and the Custer County Courthouse. 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. These items were also given to various local media outlets. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

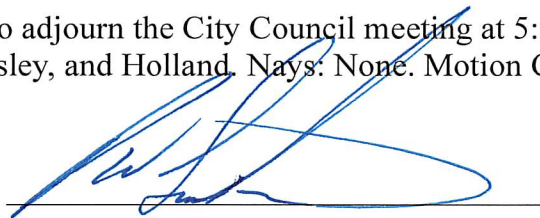
Mayor Rod Sonnichsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, with the following Councilmembers present: Russ Smith, Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland. Absent: none. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt, City Attorney Jason White, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse, Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb, and City Treasurer LeeAnn Morgan. Mayor Sonnichsen announced the availability of the Open Meetings Act.

In new business, moved by Kleeb, seconded by Holland to approve Resolution 2025-24, Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP.) Administrator Schmidt explained that resolution had inadvertently been left off the agenda for the regular meeting held on December 9, 2025, and that the document is a high level state document designed to ensure clear communication and coordination during emergencies. He explained that the document needs to be reviewed at each individual city level before it is funneled through to the countywide LEOP document, which then eventually goes on to the State of Nebraska. Once at the state level, they group all the individual counties together to create a unified emergency response document that gets sent to the Federal level. He stated that the original document is based on a state template that each city updates to meet their needs. He also explained that there were no substantive changes to the updated document with the only changes being the removal of items that did not apply to the city, and changes to spelling errors and numbering.

Custer County Manager Mark Rempe explained that the document is updated every five years and allows the City and County access to recovery funds if a disaster is declared. He cited the 2019 floods and the 2025 Complex Fire as examples of events in which benefited the region due to having a Local Emergency Operating Plan. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public, Mayor, or council comments.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Wamsley, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 5:08 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

