

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 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. 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 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 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 Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to approve the consent agenda for January 27, 2026. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the January 13, 2025, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, December 2025 Treasurer's Report, Broken Bow Ambulance Service Official Roster, and the Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Department Official Roster. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Aflac, Insurance \$119.50, Amazon Capital Services, Supplies \$347.24, BNSF Railway Company, Land lease \$425.61, Benchmark Governmental Solutions, Meals at academy \$348.45, Bottom Line Personal, subscription \$74.00, Card Services, Materials \$137.42, Central Community College, Paramedic classes \$4,686.00, Central Nebraska Pest Control, Pest control \$163.17, City Flex Benefit Plan, FLEX \$869.79, FLEX-DEPENDENT CARE \$192.30, City of Broken Bow Health Insurance, Insurance \$464.21, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT \$2,826.42, 414H \$12,812.06, 457 \$1,772.25, Colonial Insurance, Insurance \$702.29, \$373.73, Credit Management Services Inc, GARNISHMENT \$194.13, Culligan Water Conditioning, salt \$51.00, Custer County Chief, ad's \$74.00, Demco, Supplies \$242.36, EFTPS Online Payment, MEDICARE \$3,337.42, FEDERAL \$9,421.07, FICA \$14,270.00, EZ IT Solutions, equipment \$2,639.98, Eakes Office Products, Copier \$133.46, \$236.72, Supplies \$95.98, Elan Financial Services, Vehicle maintenance \$31.55, City promotions, supplies, fuel, dues, building \$1,846.84, Fuel, transport exp, training, maint/repair, fee \$871.96, \$536.08, Annual fee \$99.00, Family Heritage, Insurance \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC, EMS Billing \$3,086.86, Frontier Family Pharmacy, Supplies \$39.42, Fyr-Tek, Equipment maint and repairs \$200.50, tool \$1,839.28, Great Plains Communications, Internet/phone \$195.98, \$185.00, Ingram Library Services, Materials \$644.49, Island Supply Welding Co, Oxygen \$142.40, JEO, Recreation Center \$3,625.00, Locality Media LLC, Paging app software \$4,550.00, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc, Oxygen \$60.40, Mead Lumber, Building supplies \$240.17, Meraki Publishing, Materials \$90.53, Mid-States Organized Crime Info. Center, Annual fee \$100.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, CHILD SUPPORT \$769.86, Nebraska Dept of Revenue, Lodging Tax \$844.60, Nebraska Pasture Door, uniform \$24.00, Pareto Health, Cost management \$76.00, Petty Cash, Supplies \$48.18, Presto X Company, pest control \$82.01, \$173.71, Pye-Barker Fire Safety, Maint./repairs \$150.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, STATE \$3,721.00, TSYS Merchant Solutions, Annual fee \$499.00, The Olson Group, Quarterly consulting \$3,800.00, Trotter Service, Tire repair, fuel \$28.00, \$1,952.51, \$338.39, Trotter Whoa & Go West BB, Fuel \$567.29,

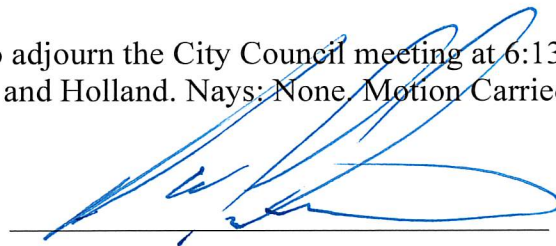
\$281.33, \$49.57, \$24.95, Unitech, supplies \$135.50, Wenquist Inc, Maint/repairs equip \$28.98, Total \$94,527.92 Bi-Weekly Payroll (1/14/26) \$80,480.96 Grand Total \$175,008.88

In other communication, Library Director Megan Svoboda presented the Broken Bow Library Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024-2025. Megan stated this report keeps the Library in compliance with state statutes. She began by highlighting the Library's mission statement, staff, and board. Additionally, Megan discussed multiple impressive accomplishments from the previous fiscal year like the completion of the Storywalk at Melham Park, installation of the new library roof, the increase in the library budget, and the addition of a new staff member. She also highlighted the 11% increases in visitors, and a 74% increase in study and meeting room usage from the previous year. She further explained that the 8% increase in items that were checked out at the Library resulted in \$732,775 of savings to library patrons. Lastly, Megan went over the goals for the coming year, praised her staff and board for their dedication, and thanked the City Council for their leadership and support. Administrator Schmidt also added that the annual report details the City and taxpayer involvement that goes into maintaining the Library but said that he wanted to point out that the Library has a very active Library Foundation that raises money to assist with projects and the success of the Library wouldn't be possible without their help as well. Mayor Sonnichsen also praised Library Director Megan Svoboda for her leadership and raising the bar so high.

There were no public comments.

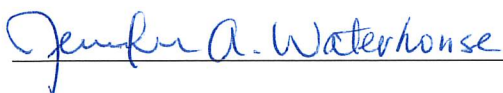
During Mayor and council comments, Administrator Schmidt gave an update regarding the floodplain project. He explained that the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment sent a summary of progress letter that was received on January 27, 2026. According to the letter, all basic hydraulic modeling has been updated and continued flood plain boundary delineation in the Zone A areas have taken place. It further explained that models and proposed mapping was submitted to the City, and that they received the City comments back on December 29, 2025, and responded with their comments on January 16, 2026. Projected tasks for the next quarter include finalizing mapping within the City, with information to be forwarded to FEMA when fully compiled. Zoning Administrator Jacob Holcomb stated that the letter is essentially stating that the State is still gathering information for preliminary maps, at which point the review and comment process will start again. He also explained that as far as the Hazard Mitigation Grant goes, we haven't heard anything back yet.

Moved by Smith, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:13 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

