

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes April 14, 2026

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 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, City 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 April 14, 2026. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the March 24, 2026, Council Meeting, and Bills to Date. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Smith, Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

911 Custom, Consoles for 23 and 25 Explorers \$1,693.26, AKRS Equipment, Repairs \$152.52, Aflac, Insurance \$511.52, \$119.50, \$189.30, \$511.52, \$119.50, Andy C Holland, Ambulance Incentive \$845.00, Auto Value Broken Bow, repairs and maintenance \$552.07, \$186.21, \$29.97, Beaver Bearing Co Albion, Repairs and maintenance \$68.06, Billy Hendricks, Ambulance Incentive \$269.00, Black Hills Energy, Utilities \$1,901.28, Bob's Truck Repair, repairs and maintenance \$119.50, Bobbie Summerford, Ambulance Incentive \$40.00, Bound Tree Medical, EMS Supplies \$2,813.25, Breanna Holmes, Ambulance Incentive \$110.00, Brian Keezer, Reimb. for CDL \$15.37, Broken Bow Airport Authority, Interlocal Agreement \$1,083.33, Broken Bow Mun Utilities, Reimb. for City Great Plains bills \$504.90, Half of dividend shares from EMC Insurance for 2023 FY \$967.20, Fuel \$2,309.99, Broken Bow Municipal Utilities, Utilities, \$7,252.66, Broken Bow Rural Fire Board, Utilities and repairs \$1,181.02, Capitol One Bank, WAGE GARNISHMENT \$67.62, \$67.62, Card Services 5174, Repairs and maintenance \$240.00, Card Services 0609, Software fees \$3.20, Carroll Construction Supply, concrete blade \$293.79, Century Link, Basic and long distance \$86.03, \$139.19, \$373.53, \$102.76, Chad Hempstead, Ambulance Incentive \$150.00, Christina Watson, Ambulance Incentive \$135.00, Christopher Shelby, Ambulance Incentive \$453.00, City Flex Benefit Plan, SELECT FLEX-UNREIMBURSED M/D/V \$869.79, \$769.79 SELECT FLEX-DEPENDENT CARE \$192.30, \$192.30, City of Broken Bow, CD Cell closure funds 2026 \$7,872.00, City of Broken Bow, March 2026 Health Ins Reimbursement \$45,957.20, Health Insurance \$5,699.75, \$5,561.66, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT \$2,956.12, \$2,929.34 414H RETIREMENT \$12,075.90, \$12,513.88, 457 RETIREMENT \$1,802.91, \$1,776.27, Cody Neville, Ambulance Incentive \$389.00, Colonial Insurance, Life Insurance \$678.16, \$355.39, \$627.50, \$712.18, \$383.11,

Custer County Treasurer, Interlocal Agreement \$19,384.45, Custer Public Power, Utilities \$56.00, David Baltz, Ambulance Incentive \$1,064.00, Dennis Schiller, Ambulance Incentive \$129.00, Dinges Fire Company, extraction gloves \$349.35, Doyle Wood, Ambulance Incentive \$70.00, Dutton Lainson, Street lighting controller \$3,759.00, EFTPS Online Payment, MEDICARE \$3,447.10, \$3,325.42, FEDERAL \$9,038.70, \$9,272.74 FICA \$14,738.68, \$14,218.78, EZ IT Solutions, IT Services \$7,000.00, Eakes Office Products, Office supplies and phones \$342.42, Elan Financial Services, flags, Pool repairs, and Tomahawk Park \$1,798.84, Admin vehicle maintenance and parking at League \$23.95, League rooms and parking, zoning vehicle, clerk's school \$1,606.62, Supplies, internet, training, fuel, uniforms, repairs, equipment \$5,639.34, Elizabeth Baumgartner, Ambulance Incentive \$176.00, Evans Feed Co, Fish food \$22.50, Family Heritage, Life Insurance \$25.50, \$25.50, First Response Billing Associates, LLC, EMS Billing \$2,047.26, Fluidtrol Process Technologies Inc, Repairs-Pool, strainer bucket \$674.36, Frontier Family Pharmacy, EMS supplies \$77.08, Fyr-Tek, Kussmaul air eject coupler \$118.29, Gateway Motors Inc, negative battery cable \$117.38, General Collection Company, Inc, WAGE GARNISHMENT \$294.73, \$294.73, Gina Gorham, Ambulance Incentive \$610.00, Great Plains Communications, Internet \$289.95, \$214.95, \$195.98, \$150.00, Grocery Kart - Cleaning supplies, office supplies, city promotions \$142.76, Hometown Leasing, Copier lease \$73.57, \$291.12, \$55.33, \$116.65, Island Glass Company, window for red restroom \$228.20, Island Supply Welding Co, Oxygen \$86.80, JEO, Floodplain Assistance \$958.75, Stormwater Drainage Evaluation (SF) \$10,614.00, James Zlomke, CDL Test for B. Keezer \$275.00, Jason Edward Morey, Ambulance Incentive \$90.00, Jennifer Waterhouse, Reimb. for meals/fuel for Clerk's School \$90.38, Jess Hightower, Ambulance Incentive \$30.00, Julie Toline, Reimb. for colonial insurance premium overpayment \$30.92, Kelly Gorham, Ambulance Incentive \$198.00, Kelvin Kreitman, Ambulance Incentive \$105.00, Kirkpatrick Cleaning Solutions, Janitorial \$515.79, Paper products \$215.75, LARM, Adding new ambulance and mowers, credit for removing Expedition and Impala \$4,858.80, LVNV Funding LLC, Wage Garnishment \$37.88, Lance Oatman, Ambulance Incentive \$90.00, Lift Solutions, Inc, Maintenance on scissor lift \$157.50, Lion's Club, Sonic alert, home aware NOAA weather \$117.48, Londa Wood, Ambulance Incentive \$45.00, Lyne's, oven at fire department \$960.00, Mason Holmes, Ambulance Incentive \$301.00, Mead Lumber, Tomahawk park bathroom \$367.62, Garage door \$90.70, Melham Wellness Center, employee membership \$147.00, Michael Jilg, Ambulance Incentive \$807.00, Mill's Hardware, Oil dry \$579.60, Mishele Wooters, Ambulance Incentive \$90.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, CHILD SUPPORT-NE \$336.47, \$336.47, Nicholas Gaddy, Ambulance Incentive \$1,030.00, Nissa Shelby, Ambulance Incentive \$120.00, OBrien's Hardware, compressor repairs \$4.99, Maintenance/plumbing repairs \$1.29, Plumbing & Heating Wholesale Inc, Tomahawk bathrooms \$129.90, Quill Corporation, Office supplies \$144.88, RT Ace, LLC, Keys \$57.93, Maintenance and repairs \$302.82, RT Ace, Tomahawk park restrooms and sprinkler repairs, pool diving platform repairs \$553.51, Ranchland Ford, A/C repair on handibus \$355.00, Rebecca Neumiller, Ambulance Incentive \$219.00, Rebeka Anderson, Ambulance Incentive \$75.00, Reed Schaefer, Ambulance Incentive \$268.00, Robert Harrold, Ambulance Incentive \$348.00, S&L Sanitary Service, Trash pickup \$58.30, Sara J. Hulinsky, Library cleaning \$837.00, Schaper and White Law Firm, Legal Fees \$3,000.00, Site One Landscape Supply, levy repair \$393.50, Star Seed LLC, Grass seed for the creek \$861.20, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, STATE \$3,598.68, STATE \$3,679.50, Sylvia Schiller, Ambulance Incentive \$279.00, Tracker Systems, Tracking for

Handibus \$16.99, Trotter Service, Fuel \$24.58, Trotter's Whoa & Go West BB, Fuel \$196.21, Verizon Wireless, Fire Jetpacks, ALS phone, Handi bus phone \$155.89, Phones and hotspots \$280.04, Wifi for patrol units \$560.24, Wade Williams, Ambulance Incentive \$180.00, Weathercraft, cable on garage door #2 \$587.50, Wenquist, Inc, hydraulic oil for handibus \$285.28, Total \$272,615.59 Bi-Weekly Payroll (3/25/26) \$84,929.15 Grand Total \$357,544.74.

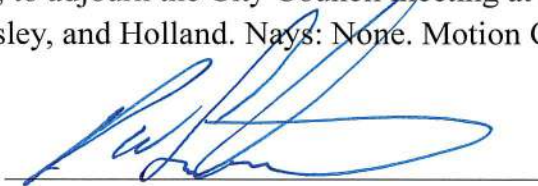
In new business, moved by KleeB, seconded by Wamsley to approve Resolution 2026-05, authorizing the sale of real property, Lot Six (6), and the North Half (N½), of Lot Seven (7), in Block Twelve (12), of Jewett & Lilly's Addition to Broken Bow, Custer County, Nebraska valued at over \$5,000. Administrator Schmidt explained that the property is located at 843 N. 6th Ave and the City took possession of the property about a year and a half ago as an abatement request and has invested approximately \$5,000 in back taxes for the property. He also mentioned that the city put the property up for surplus about a year ago and did not receive any bids but at that time there was a dilapidated house and some other structures that needed cleaned up on the property. He mentioned that since then the Streets and Parks department has cleaned up the property for an estimated cost of \$5,000- \$7,000. He further explained that the Resolution contains a suggested minimum price of \$10,000 and that council has the opportunity to accept or reject any or all bids. He concluded by stating that he would like to see the city get at least the majority of the expenses that have been paid for the property back in the sale and get it put back on the tax rolls. 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 KleeB, to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:05 pm for the purpose of protecting the public interest for a strategy session with respect to a real estate purchase, to include the Mayor, City Council members, City Administrator David Schmidt, City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse, Deputy Clerk Jacob Holcomb, City Treasurer LeeAnn Morgan, and City Attorney Jason White. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, KleeB, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

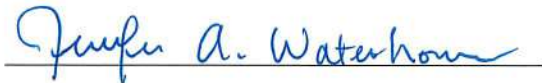
Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley, to exit closed session at 6:47 pm. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Smith, KleeB, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Holland, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:49 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

