

Broken Bow City Council

Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026

The Broken Bow City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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: Travis Kleeb, Joe Wamsley, and Paul Holland. Absent: Russ Smith. Also in attendance was City Administrator David Schmidt, 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 28, 2026. Said motion includes approval of the Minutes of the April 14, 2026, Council Meeting, Bills to Date, March 2026 Treasurer's Report, and Ka-Boomer's Inc. Firework Application. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4 County Heating & Air, LLC, Heat pump belt \$161.06, Aflac, Insurance \$511.52, \$119.50, Andy Holland, transport meal \$27.03, Benchmark Governmental Solutions, Interdiction training, meals \$137.40, Biblionix, Tech support/subscription \$2,090.00, Booklist, Annual subscription, book review journal \$205.00, Bound Tree Medical, Medication \$581.94, Bow Locksmith, Re-keying Armory \$196.45, Capitol One Bank, WAGE GARNISHMENT \$67.62, Central Nebraska Pest Control, pest control \$69.55, City Flex Benefit Plan, SELECT FLEX-UNREIMBURSED M/D/V \$769.79, SELECT FLEX-DEPENDENT CARE \$192.30, City of Broken Bow-Health Insurance, Insurance \$5,561.66, City of Broken Bow Pension Fund, RETIREMENT LOAN PAYMENT \$3,060.31, 414H RETIREMENT \$12,559.56, 457 RETIREMENT \$1,843.28, yearly admin/document fee \$250.00, Colonial Insurance, Life Insurance \$712.18, \$383.11, Custer County Chief, publication \$229.32, EFTPS Online Payment, MEDICARE \$3,363.44, FEDERAL \$9,517.68, FICA \$14,381.52, EZ IT Solutions, badges \$5.00, \$10.00, Eakes Office Products, Copier meter reading \$128.75, Eakes Office Solutions, Office supplies \$57.59, Elan Financial Services, Battery backup/cleaning supplies \$1,143.63, Training and education, veh. maint., postage, and cleaning supplies \$2,155.18, Supplies, fuel, and transport meals \$323.97, Supplies, maint/repairs grounds, and programming \$404.86, Family Handyman, Library book \$29.91, Family Heritage, Insurance \$25.50, General Collection Company, Inc, WAGE GARNISHMENT \$2212.18, Great Plains Communications, Wifi at PD \$185.00, Hot Shot Supply Co, Road patch \$6,740.00, Ingram Library Services, Library books \$1,881.85, JEO, BB stormwater general engineering \$366.25, BB mud creek low water crossing \$5,493.00, BB Streets-Parks Dept drainage improvements \$4,996.00, LVNV Funding LLC, Wage Garnishment \$21.21, NE Statewide EMS Conference, Conference \$550.00, Nebraska Child Support Payment Center, CHILD SUPPORT-NE \$336.47, Over Drive, Library books \$1,000.00, Pareto Health, Cost management

\$76.00, Petty Cash, Supplies \$39.80, Presto X Company, pest control \$82.01, Psychological Resources, New officer evaluation \$250.00, Ranchland Ford, Oil change for 2025 Exp \$65.34, South Loup Community Pharmacy, Medication \$173.00, State Income Tax WH NE Online Payment, STATE \$3,732.98, Super Vacuum Manufacturing, Graphics for Fire vehicle \$674.73, The Olson Group, Quarterly consulting \$3,800.00, Trotter Whoa & Go West BB, Fuel \$51.82, \$1,331.75, \$93.92, Total \$93,428.92 Bi-Weekly Payroll (4/8/26) \$80,586.99 Bi-Weekly Payroll (4/22/26) \$81,341.36 Grand Total \$255,357.27

Moved by Holland, seconded by Kleeb to excuse the absence of councilmember Smith. Roll call vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

In new business, moved by Wamsley, seconded by Holland to approve the appointment of Brycen Woodward as a Broken Bow Police Officer. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried. Police Chief Chris Anderson administered the Police Officer Oath to Officer Brycen Woodward.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley to approve the reappointment of James Duncan, Susan Porter, and Jim Giradin to the Broken Bow Planning Commission for 3 year terms ending April 2029. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Holland to approve the reappointment of Nicolle Bailey to the Broken Bow Planning Commission for a 2 year term ending April 2028. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Holland to approve the appointment of Luke Wassom to the Broken Bow Planning Commission for a 2 year term ending April 2028. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Wamsley, seconded by Kleeb to approve the appointment of Hunter Thomas to the Broken Bow Planning Commission for a 1 year term ending April 2027. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Kleeb, seconded by Wamsley to approve Resolution 2026-06, authorizing the closure of existing City of Broken Bow credit cards with Elan Financial Services. Administrator Schmidt said that this resolution reverses the actions of Resolution 2025-20 from 2025 where we opened new credit cards with Elan Financial Services. He explained that the new credit cards were opened with the intention of being easier to process and manage but it didn't end up being the case and there were also higher yearly fees associated with them than anticipated. The resolution would allow the city staff to close those accounts and go back to the credit cards that we previously had as they are still open and useable. He further explained that if this resolution is approved, agenda item G will allow us to put more staff members on the previous credit cards so that we can call in and make changes as needed. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

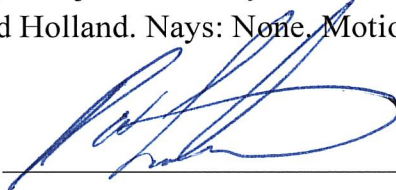
Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley to approve Resolution 2026-07, approving and authorizing the Organization Resolution And Agreement For Credit Card Program with UMB Bank. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: Kleeb, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by KleeB, seconded by Holland to approve the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Annual Report for 2025. City Clerk Jennifer Waterhouse explained that the report is updated yearly and lists all active 2025 TIF projects and information pertaining to each of the projects. She said that the report was approved by the Community Redevelopment Authority (CRA) on April 23, 2026, and is required to be sent to any governing body or political subdivision whose property taxes may be affected by the TIF projects by May 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Voting aye: KleeB, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

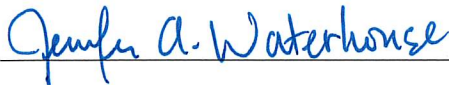
During Mayor and Council comments, Mayor Sonnichsen thanked new officer Brycen Woodward and stated that he is a part of a very good team. He also thanked all fire department, law enforcement, and EMS personnel for their efforts during the recent fires. Councilmember KleeB expressed his agreement. Dave Schmidt concluded by explaining that during the next few meetings more board appointments will be put forward due to several board openings, including the Board of Public works. He said if anyone is looking to get involved in public service, these openings would be a great place to start.

Moved by Holland, seconded by Wamsley, to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:15 pm. Roll Call vote: Voting aye: KleeB, Wamsley, and Holland. Nays: None. Motion Carried.



Rodney W. Sonnichsen, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer A. Waterhouse, City Clerk

