

# MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Council members present: Brian Hitchcock, Dan Riggs, Dale Nelson, Billy Krotzer, and Bobbie Wosika

Council members absent:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Council and attending audience.

## Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from April 17<sup>th</sup> LBOE Meeting
- Minutes from April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for April
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$129,262.74. Check numbers #22065 - #22147. Voided checks 22147, 22149, 22150 due to a printing error. Voided check 21954 due to being lost. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$96,044.34.
- Administration Finance Report for April
- April Permits Issued – 0
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda adding golf cart and picnic tables at Paul's Patio under park and adding light pole on Graceson under maintenance, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

## City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Jon Roscoe from Miller McDonald was there to give the 2023 audit report for the city.
- The city received a letter from David Johnson asking the city to relieve him from the responsibility of the assessment of the city but recommended keeping Darin Katzenmeyer as the city's assessor.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to release David Johnson from his contract effective May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve Darin Katzenmeyer as the city's assessor effective May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Resolution 10-2024 is a resolution amending resolution 1-2024 to adopt consignments. David Johnson will be replaced with Darin Katzenmeyer as the city's assessor.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs approving resolution 10-2024, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Resolution 12-2024 is a resolution acknowledging the donation from Peg Davies for the Akeley Community Projects fund in the amount of \$125.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve resolution 12-2024, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Discussion on the email about the Blue Ox building next door. The county has approved the city's interest in the properties from the county. The city has six months from April 5<sup>th</sup> to complete the transfer of the deed. Kristi will get access to the building and then the council can schedule a special meeting.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table the discussion on ownership of the blue ox building , seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Bobbie states that she will be out of town June 7<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>. She will not be at the June 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- Kristi reminds council that employee evaluations are at the July regular meeting.

## **Police Department – Jimmy Hansen**

- Discussion on money for the posse for Paul Bunyan Days.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay the Hubbard County Posse \$500.00 for Paul Bunyan Days coming from the park fund, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Jimmy has been busy with the ex-gang member speakers. It was a big success.
- He states that they found the person who stole from the Muni.
- He assisted on 2 fires.
- He states that someone found a gun outside the city.

## **Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock**

- Lacey was absent.

## **Parks - Billy Krotzer**

- Discussion on STS funding for clean-up at the campground.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay STS \$650.00 to come from the park fund, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion on Paul's Patio work. Kristi states that the electrical pedestals were taken out with the bathroom project and they are needed for vendors and such for Paul Bunyan Days. Zach has been working on the issue of the pedestal not being moved and installed. Zach states that originally it was estimated to be about \$4,000.00 to replace. There needs to be a bigger outlet put on to the museum and then run something like a spider box with a cord. Zach will look into it with Linn Co and get back to the council.
- Discussion on the tree removal down at Paul's Patio. Dale states that the other tree down there needs to come down because it is so bad. Dan states that he found an arborist that will take them for free. There was a miscommunication somewhere and the cedar got taken down before council approval. It was a total of \$3,000.00 for all three trees.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve to pay Stan Chase \$3,000.00 for the tree removal, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Bobbie states that there are some picnic tables at Paul's Patio that either need to be fixed or gotten rid of. She thinks that there are about five tables that are really bad. She states she can call STS and see how much they are charging for a picnic table.
- Brian states that the swim raft at the beach is in bad condition and would like to see the city get a new one. He found three different ones that were included in their packet. Kristi states that there is a playground equipment grant that this could fall under. They would match 45 percent of what the city pays for it.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to purchase the wave armor swim raft from Timber Creek, seconded by Dale Nelson, passed.**
- Reid states that the golf cart for the campground is no longer working. The batteries are shot. He would like to see the campground get a new one. He got three bids but would recommend the golf cart that he found at Poquet Auto in Hackensack. It is a 2024 easy go and is street legal. It is \$10,350.00. Dan will put the old cart on K-bid.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to purchase the golf cart from Poquet Auto for a total of \$10,350.00 coming from the park fund, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to list the old golf cart on K-Bid, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**
- Kristi states that the trail camera for the beach bathrooms is here and needs to be installed.

### **Water/Sewer/Maintenance Report-Reid Watson/Mike Hubner**

- Zach Thoma gives an update about the lead service lines survey. They are going to be sending out flyers to each property owner to find out what their service lines are.
- Bobbie would like to look into getting a light pole for the corner of Graceson Ave South and First Street.

### **East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika**

- Report on April minutes.

### **Old Business**

- Bobbie states that they are currently working with EMCON.
- Mary Thompson gives an update on the Blandin Grant Application. She would like to submit an application for \$150,000.00 to help fund the restroom. Last week they met with the community projects committee to get a restroom design. She states that she included everything that has already been done on the project to help show progress. She states that she is better than optimistic. She needs approval to submit the application.
- Resolution 11-2024 is a resolution approving the submittal for the Blandin Grant application.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 11-2024, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

### **New Business**

### **Public Forum**

- Hubbard County commissioner Steve Keranen spoke on updates that are happening around Hubbard County.

**Motion by Dan Riggs to adjourn at 7:52pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

**Respectfully Submitted by,  
Michaella Dunham Deputy Clerk**