

MINUTES OF THE AKELEY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD AT AKELEY CITY HALL 6:00PM, MAY 11TH, 2022

The Akeley City Council met in a regular meeting Wednesday, May 11th, 2022. Mayor Brian Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Council members absent: Nathan George

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from April 13th, 2022, Regular Meeting
- Minutes from April 26th, 2022, Special Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for April
- Total disbursements including all automatic payments equaling \$91,417.33. Check numbers #20243 to #20317. Total receipts including all automatic deposits equaling \$82156.80.
- Administration Finance Report for April
- April Permits Issued – 2
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**

City Hall – Kristi Kath

- Discussion on a Moore Engineering invoice. Unfortunately, the city will not be getting any funds from the Hubbard County grant application for the soft cost.
- **Motion by Bobbie Wosika to pay Moore Engineering invoice number 29311 in the amount of \$682.50, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**
- Discussion of the LMC liability coverage waiver form.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs not to waive liability coverage, seconded by Billy Krotzer.**
- Resolution 11-2022 is a resolution on LGA formula update and \$90 million appropriation increase. It is a resolution showing support for the increase which the city would potentially receive up to \$107,336.00 in LGA if passed.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve resolution 11-2022, seconded by Dan Riggs, passed.**

Police Department – Jimmy Hansen

- Jimmy states everything is going well. He states that he has discussed with a few property owners about blight and encouraged them to take advantage of the Akeley city wide clean-up.

Liquor Store - Lacey Hitchcock

- Lacey states she has nothing to report. She is still working on getting bids for the bathroom remodel.

Parks - Billy Krotzer

- Campground is still closed. Reid tired to put docks in but ended up sinking into the ground. Is going to let it sit over the weekend before he tries to put docks in again.

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

- Mike discusses the water hydrant repairs in town. There are a few hydrants that are older in town that need parts replaced. He would like to start making a list of hydrants and make a maintenance schedule for them moving forward.
- **Motion by Billy Krotzer to approve the cost of repairing of hydrants in the amount of \$1524.83, seconded by Bobbie Wosika, passed.**

- Mike discusses the water tower standpipe repair. He states that the standpipe would need to be stripped for it to be inspected. Tri State Coatings would do the removal of the frost jacket and the insulation to have an inspection done. The inspection would be done by Acuren and would cost \$5,300.00. Mike states that this is more of a discussion. He does not think that it will be done this year.
- Reid states that there is a culvert on Carroll Street that is failing. The city's backhoe is not big enough to do the job. He can get a culvert from the county for \$758.90. Tyler's Backhoe Service would come in and install the culvert for \$2,500.00.
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to purchase the culvert from Hubbard County for up to \$800.00, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- **Motion by Dan Riggs to approve Tyler's Backhoe Service to replace the culvert in the amount of \$2,500.00, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Reid states that he needs more help. Herb no longer wants to be part-time and would like to go back to being casual. City Hall will post a help wanted ad.

East Hubbard County Fire District –Dan Riggs/Bobbie Wosika

- Report of April minutes.
- It was noted that Michaela Dunham was hired as treasurer for the board.

Old Business

- Discussion on the letter that the community projects wanted to send out. It can not be sent out from the committee because it is apart of the city. It was suggested that the letter be sent from a non-profit organization. The city attorney fee and the filing fee for the 501C3 would cost \$580.00. Suggestion to run it through a non-profit that already has a 501C3.
- **Motion by Brian Hitchcock to table the community projects nonprofit until further detail of options for the 501C3 status, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.**
- Chuck Andres states that the committee finally received the green light for the bathroom project.
- Discussion on speed signs. Kristi states that MN Dot states that they are working on it.

New Business

- Neil Elavsky was there with concerns with the liquor store management and employees. Council attempted to address his concerns. He left not feeling heard or understood.

Public Forum

- Kristen Fake asked if Reid had his wastewater license. He has his wastewater license. She then asked if that would mean that the city would no longer need to be in a contract with Advanced Utility Solutions. Because Reid does not have his water license, the city still needs the contract.

Motion by Bobbie Wosika to adjourn at 7:15pm, seconded by Billy Krotzer, passed.

**Respectfully Submitted by,
Michaela Becker
Deputy Clerk**

